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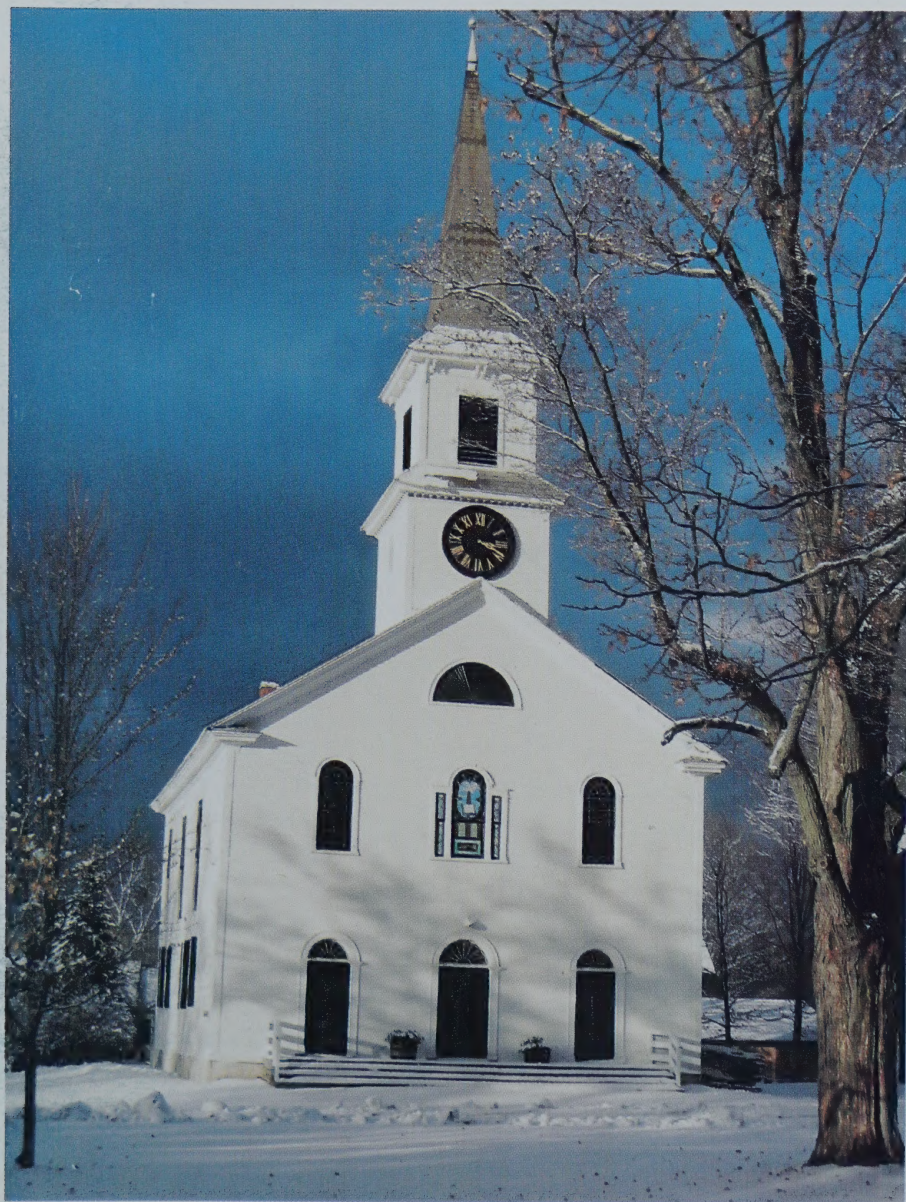
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Cornish, New Hampshire  
March 2005

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Cornish Meeting House on a snowy day  
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**238th**  
**Annual Report**  
of the  
**Selectmen**  
and other  
**Town Officers**



**CORNISH**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
Year Ending December 31, 2004



**NOTICE**  
*Please Read*

**TO DOG OWNERS:**

RABIES CLINIC – TBA  
\$9.00 PER ANIMAL – CORNISH FLAT FIRE STATION

Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier and bring a previous rabies certificate

- All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Legal rates: male and females - \$9.00, neutered males \$6.50, spayed females \$6.50. Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- **State Law requires all dogs to have rabies shots.**
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **Failure to license makes owners liable for a \$25.00 fine and a \$1.00 penalty per month after June 1<sup>st</sup>. It's the law!!**
- Owners are liable for free running dogs. If in doubt, check the State statutes RSA:466. The penalties are severe.

• **TO PROPERTY OWNERS:**

- The law provides that those who do not return their inventory forms by April 15<sup>th</sup> not only lose their right to appeal their taxes but also are now subject to a fine of not less than \$10.00 but up to and not over \$50.00.

**TO THOSE BUILDING NEW OR MAKING CHANGES:**

- The Town building code requires permits to construct or remodel any building. There are exceptions. Check first with the Selectmen.

**TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLAND OR WATERWAYS:**

- RSA 438-A a Dredge & Fill application must be filed with the Town Clerk before commencing work. Fines can be assessed for noncompliance.

*Your cooperation in the above matter will save time and money for you  
And cut costs of Town government.*

**ALL EMERGENCIES – DIAL 911**

**NON-EMERGENCIES:**

FIRE – 675-2221

POLICE 543-0535

AMBULANCE-RESCUE SQUAD – 675-2221

SELECTMEN – 675-5611

TOWN CLERK – 675-5207

TAX COLLECTOR – 675-5221

HIGHWAY GARAGE – 675-2205

FAX – 675-5605



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# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

### **Town Clerk** – 3 years

Reigh Helen Sweetser(2007)  
Paula Harthan , Deputy

### **Town Treasurer** – 1 year

William Caterino  
Brent B. Edgerton, Deputy

### **Moderator** – 2 years (2006)

Peter H. Burling

### **Selectmen** – 3 years

Larry Dingee, Chairman (2005)  
William Gallagher (2006)  
Merilynne Bourne (2007)

### **Tax Collector** – 1 year

Reigh Helen Sweetser  
Paula Harthan, Deputy

### **Supervisors of Checklist** – 6 years

Ruth G. Rollins (2006)  
Leland E. Atwood (2008)  
Robin Monette (2010)

### **Trustee of Trust Funds** – 3 years

Willis Reed (2005)  
Cynthia K. Wegner (2007)  
Frank Parks (2006)

### **Trustees of George H. Stowell Library** -

3 years

Pamela Gendron (2005)  
Bernice Johnson (2006)  
Kathryn H. Patterson (2007)

### **General Assistance & Senior Resources**

Connie Kousman  
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant  
Judy Kaufman, Assistant  
Anne Hier, Assistant

### **Highway Agent** – 1 year

Thomas Spaulding

### **Sexton** – 1 year

Albert F. Earle

### **Fence Viewers** – 1 year

Jack Rock  
Clark Rockefeller  
Kay Wegner  
Gary Wegner  
Leo Maslan  
Fred Sullivan  
Kay Kibbie  
Jesse Tyler

### **Surveyor of Wood, Bark & Lumber** – year

Gwyn Gallagher	Reyer Jaarsma
Leo Maslan	James Neil
Robin Waterman	Fred Weld
Jim Fitch	

### **Hog Reeves** – 1 year

Jesse & Barbara Tyler  
Jim & Karen Strout  
Tammy & Allen Dodge  
Troy & Alicia Simino  
Gail & Lenny Pillsbury

### **Representative to the General Court** – 2 years

Constance Jones  
Peter H. Burling

### **New Hampshire Executive Council** – 2 years

Raymond S. Burton (2006)

## APPOINTED OFFICIALS

### **Police Officers** – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett – Sargent  
Corey Stevens  
Crystal Simonds  
Paul Roberts

### **Librarian** – by Trustees of the Library

Emily Cromwell

### **Fire Chief** – by Selectmen – 3 years

Nathan Cass (2005)

### **Planning Board** – by Selectmen – 3 years

Peter Storrs, Chairman (2006)  
John Hammond, Vice Chair (2007)  
Cheston Newbold, (2007)  
Connie Kousman, (2005)  
Gail McKenzie, (2007)  
Gwyn Gallagher, Alternate (2007)  
Larry Dingee, for Selectmen  
Bill Lipfert, Alternate  
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary  
Troy Simino, Alternate

### **Zoning Board of Adjustment** – by Moderator – 3 years

Karim Chichakly, Chairman(2005)  
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chariman/Clerk(2007)  
Jim Brown  
William S. Balch, Alternate  
Bruce Tracy (2005)  
Dale Rook, Alternate  
Jason Bourne  
Stu Hodgeman



# TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## **Conservation Commission** – by Selectmen – 3 years

Herrika W. Poor, (2005)  
Don Snowdon, Chairperson (2006)  
Michael M. Yatesvich (2006)  
William Gallagher, for Selectmen  
Mary Beth Heiskell (2006)  
Mariet Jaarsma, Alternate (2007)  
Nancy Newbold (2006)  
Gabe Zoerhiede (2006)  
Loel Callahan, Alternate (2007)  
Jess Tyler, A;termate (2007)

## **Solid Waste Representatives** – by Selectmen – 3 years

William Gallagher (2006)  
Tim Schad (2006) Alternate

## **Finance Committee** – by Moderator – 3 years

William Caterino ex-officio  
Carol Rennie(2005)  
Fred Sullivan (2007)  
Michael Monette (2006)  
Robert Bladen, Chairperson (2007)  
Stu Hodgeman (2007)

## **Town Forest Committee** – by Selectmen

Virginia Prince, Chairman  
William Gallagher (Selectmen)  
James Fitch  
Mary Beth Heiskell

## **Capital Equipment Committee** – by Selectmen

Larry Duval (Chairman)      Larry Dingee  
Don MacLeay                      Scott Baker  
James Fitch                        Gerry Baillageron  
Tom Spaulding

## **Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional**

### **Planning Commission** – by Selectmen

J. Cheston Newbold  
Gail McKenzie

## **Ct. River Resource Comm-Local River Subcommittee**

### - By Selectmen

Sue Fitch

## **Overseer of Covered Bridges** – by Selectmen

Leo Maslan  
Richard Thompson

## **Liaison to 911 Emergency Office** – by Selectmen

Dale O'Connor

## **Emergency Management Civil Defense**

### **Director** – by Selectmen      Robert Maslan

### **Spirit Committee** – by Selectmen

Nancy Newbold                      Dale O'Connor

### **Selectmen's Special Agent** – by Selectmen

Larry Dingee

## **Auditors** – by Selectmen

Plodzik and Sanderson

## APPOINTMENTS BY STATE

### **Health Officer** – Jeff Katchen

### **Asst Health Officer** – Ginny Prince

### **Forest Fire Warden** – Nate Cass

## **Forest Fire Deputy Wardens**

Dale Rook                              Leland Atwood  
Scott Reuthe                          Robert Rice  
Leo Maslan                              Bill Harthan  
Jim Guy

## **Ballots Clerks** – by respective parties – 2 years

Marion Stone®                      Alma Jacklin ®  
Judy Rook (D)                        Sally Budlong (D)

## **River Commission** – by Governor

J. Cheston Newbold



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2004

This year, we all owe a debt of gratitude to Peter Burling for his generous gift of Trinity Church to the town, which in turn, provided the funds necessary for the construction of the new Police offices at the Engine 1 Station on Town House Road. The paper work for that transaction was completed in mid-July and with a mix of hired and volunteer labor, we were able to erect the shell and have the inside dry by early winter. A contractor was then hired to finish the interior so that our Police Department should be moving into its new space by Town Meeting 2005.

The two-year "Little Town Hall Project" is essentially complete with just a few things needing to be finished up before this year's fair. The results of this project are attributable to many Town volunteers providing their valuable time and labor to restore a Town landmark.

The State's Department of Revenue Administration certification review should be finished this spring. For the most part, we are in great shape. However, over the last 3 years Cornish property values have risen enough to require an adjustment to our assessments this year.

A lot of effort has been devoted to keeping our spending within the budget set at Town Meeting as well as proposing a new budget that reflects our need to always be moving ahead, while trying to keep the Town tax rate as low as possible.

The Selectmen would like to encourage residents to consider volunteering their time for the benefit of town organizations and a strengthened community. Volunteers are needed on various Boards and Committees, the Fair Association, at the school, the Fire Department and the Rescue Squad. New people and the new ideas that come with them are always welcome. Volunteering is a wonderful way for the younger citizens of our town to understand how a community operates and to learn how to keep a community connected, healthy and vital. If you aren't sure how to get started, contact the Selectmen or someone you know who is already volunteering their time. It takes time and energy to become a steward of the town. Your reward is the knowledge that you are part of Cornish history.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## 2005 WARRANT

### THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 8<sup>TH</sup> of March, at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. Articles 2 through 19 will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

(a)	Town Office.....	77,775
(b)	Election, Registration, Vital Statistics.....	3,435
(c)	Audit Town Books.....	5,500
(d)	Revaluation of Property.....	5,000
(e)	Legal Expenses.....	4,500
(f)	Planning Board.....	1,600
(g)	Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	550
(h)	Building & Grounds.....	20,000
(i)	Cemeteries and Perpetual Care.....	23,321
(j)	Insurance (excluding medical).....	34,000
(k)	Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC).....	1,745
(l)	Town Records Preservation.....	1,800
(m)	Spirit Committee.....	1,000
(n)	Police Department.....	51,539
(o)	Rescue Squad.....	4,400
(p)	Ambulance.....	18,169
(q)	Fire Department.....	27,675
(r)	Emergency Management.....	50
(s)	Septage.....	2,500
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets.....	6,000
(u)	Recycling.....	6,750
(v)	Hazardous Waste.....	750
(w)	Health Services.....	8,080
(x)	General Assistance.....	2,500
(y)	Parks and Recreation...(CREA).....	3,750
(z)	Patriotic Purposes.....	600



(z1)	Windsor Library.....	600
(z2)	Conservation Commission Expenses.....	800
(z3)	Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes.....	2,000
(z4)	Public Library Fund.....	10,211
(z5)	County Tax.....	Necessary Amount

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$360,850 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$259,485 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$101,365 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 11: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to make improvements to the building known as the Town Hall. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the building is completed or by December 31, 2006, whichever is sooner. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)



Article 12: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,560 to purchase a mower for the Cemetery department. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 13: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for the purchase of a new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$25,000 from the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds derived from the sale or trade-in of the Town's existing cruiser is to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 14: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 to perform a statistical update of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw that amount from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 15: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$82,000 for the purchase of a Tanker chassis and related equipment for the Fire Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$82,000 from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

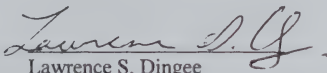
Article 16: To raise and appropriate the sum of \$105,850 to purchase turnout gear for the Fire Department. The sum of \$10,585 shall be raised by taxes and the balance of \$95,265 to be received from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. (Submitted by the Selectmen) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article).

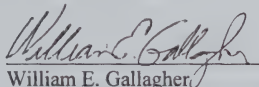
Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (The Selectmen recommend passage of this Article.)

Article 18: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 19: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Five.

  
Lawrence S. Dingee

  
William E. Gallagher

  
Merilyn Bourne

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

SELECTMEN OF CORNISH

CORNISH, NH

TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 9, 2004

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2004. Peter Burling, Moderator for the Town of Cornish, opened at he polls at 10:00 am to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town Meeting. Moderator Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified and that the Selectmen's signatures were displayed on the end of the warrant. Moderator Burling then read the Town Warrant in its entirety. Supervisors of the Checklist signed both checklist and were sworn in by Town Clerk, Reigh Sweetser. The Ballot Clerks being Marion Stone, Alma Jacklin, Judy Rook and Audrey Jacquier. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with a prayer lead by Reverend Dale Nicholas followed by the Pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year. There was a total of 370 ballots cast with the voting results as follows:

Selectperson for 3 years: Merilynn Bourne received 212 votes and Suzanne Lupien received 150 votes. Merilynn Bourne was declared the winner.  
Town Treasurer for 1 year: William F. Caterino - 334 votes  
Trustee/Trust Funds for 3 years: Cynthia Kay Wegner - 313 votes  
Highway Agent for 1 year: Thomas E. Spaulding - 333 votes  
Library Trustee for 3 years: Kathryn Patterson - 343 votes  
Supervisor/Checklist for 6 years: Robin Monette - 346 votes  
Town Clerk for 3 years: Reigh Sweetser - 354 votes  
Overseer of Welfare for 1 year: Connie Kousman - 342 votes  
Sexton for 1 year: Albert F. Earle - 331 votes  
Moderator for 2 years: Peter Hoe Burling - 336 votes  
Tax Collector for 1 year: Reigh Sweetser - 358 votes

Article 2: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purpose of site preparation and construction of a new office for the Police Department, at the Fire Station on Town House Road and to apply toward the cost of the project all gifts and grants received in addition to said sum, and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$110,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to invest said monies; to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Passage requires a two-thirds vote by paper ballot.) Voting will take place for 3 hours immediately following the discussion of this article. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell.

Clark Rockefeller stated that he would give the Town a check for \$110,000 if the Trinity Church were deeded over to him from the Town. This related to Article 18 where the Town would have voted to allow the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of the Trinity Church with approximately three acres of land. Moderator Burling (owner of the Trinity Church) called a ten-minute break for a short discussion between himself, the Selectmen and Clark Rockefeller. All parties involved agreed upon this suggestion and decided to contact Town Council to draw up the needed paperwork.

Alan Penfold made a motion to amend to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purpose of site preparation and construction of a new office for the Police Department, at the Fire Station on Townhouse Road and to apply toward the cost of the project all gifts and grants received in addition to said sum. Also to authorize the Selectmen to invest said monies and to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. The amended motion reads as follows:

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purpose of site preparation and construction of a new office for the Police Department, at the Fire Station on Townhouse Road and to apply toward the cost of the project all gifts and grants received in addition to said sum, and to authorize the Selectmen to invest said money and to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the building is completed or by December 31, 2005, whichever is sooner. The amended motion was seconded by Joan Littlefield and voted on in the affirmative. The motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Joan Littlefield then made a motion to go Article 18 to vote upon it. The motion was seconded by Gail Mckenzie and voted on in the affirmative. (see article 18 for details)

Article 3: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

- (a) Town Office – Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$73,380. The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- (b) Election, Registration, Vital Statistics – Ruth Rollins moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,750. the motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.
- (c) Audit Town Books – Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
- (d) Revaluation of Property – Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$5,000. The motion was seconded by Audrey Jacquier and voted on in the affirmative.
- (e) Legal Expenses – Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,500. The motion was seconded by Alma Jacklin and voted on in the affirmative.
- (f) Planning Board – Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.
- (g) Zoning Board of Adjustment – Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$550. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.
- (h) Building & Grounds – Will Reed moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$19,920. The motion was seconded by Jan Lord and voted on in the affirmative.
- (i) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care – Dale Nicholas move that the Town raise and appropriate \$24,025. The motion was seconded by Will Reed and voted on in the affirmative.
- (j) Insurance (excluding medical) – Larry Dingee move that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,000. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.
- (k) Regional Assoc (UVLSRPC) – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,595. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.



- (l) Town Records Preservation – Jim Atkinson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (m) Spirit Committee – Larry Dingee move that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Jim Strout and voted on in the affirmative.
- (n) Police Department – Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$47,023. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.
- (o) Rescue Squad – John Rand moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,400. The motion was seconded by Polly Rand and voted on in the affirmative.
- (p) Ambulance – Will Reed moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$16,463. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (q) Fire Department – Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$34,275. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- (r) Emergency Management – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.
- (s) Septage – Jan Lord moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Will Reed and voted on in the affirmative.
- (t) Transfer Station Tickets – Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (u) Recycling – Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,750. The motion was seconded by Sandy Gobin and voted on in the affirmative.
- (v) Hazardous Waste – Alan Penfold moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$750. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.
- (w) Health Services – Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,830. The motion was seconded by Polly Rand and voted on in the affirmative.
- (x) General Assistance – Carol Rennie moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Connie Kousman and voted on in the affirmative.
- (y) Parks and Recreation....(CREA) – Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,750. The motion was seconded by Buz Lord and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z) Patriotic Purposes – Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$600. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z1) Conservation Commission Expenses – Mary Beth Heiskel moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$600. The motion was seconded by Don Snowden and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z2) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes – Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z3) Public Library Fund – Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,950. The motion was seconded by Megan Formichelli and voted on in the affirmative.
- (z4) County Tax - Bill Gallagher moved that the Town raise and appropriate the necessary amount. The motion was seconded by Larry Dingee and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 4: Don Snowden moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth Heiskel and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 5: Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 6: Dale Rook moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Will Reed and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 7: Will Reed moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department New Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 8: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 9: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. Jim Strout seconded the motion. Larry Dingee moved to amend to \$12,000 in order to construct a handicap entrance for the Library. The motion to amend was seconded by Alan Penfold and voted on in the affirmative. The amended motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 10: Dale Rook moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 11: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$357,500 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$259,503 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$97,997 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. The motion was seconded by Bill Caterino and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 12: Fred Sullivan moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 to purchase additional assessing and secretarial services; and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw an amount not to exceed \$7,500 from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Carol Rennie. Larry Dingee made a motion to amend to \$12,000. The motion was seconded by Fred Sullivan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 13: Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$85,000 for the purchase of a new Dump Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$85,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds to be derived from the sale or trade-in of the Town's existing equipment are to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. The motion was seconded by Tom Spaulding and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 14: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to reprint "The History of Cornish" books (volumes 1 & 2). The motion was seconded by Jim Atkinson. Alan Penfold wanted the year it was being reprinted to be on the book. The motion was then voted on in the affirmative.

Article 15: Larry Dingee moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to purchase a used truck for the Cemetery department. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 16: Ginny Wood moved that the Town modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Cornish, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$30,000; for a person 75 years up to 80 years, \$40,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$50,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$18,000 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$25,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$40,000, excluding the value of the person's residence. The motion was seconded by Carol Rennie and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 17: Bill Gallagher moved that the Town vote to deposit 100% of the revenues collected pursuant to RSA 79-A (the Land Use Change Tax) in the Conservation Fund in accordance with RSA 36-A as authorized by RSA 79-A:25a&b. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth Heiskel and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 18: Alan Penfold moved that the Town allow the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of the Trinity Church and approximately 3 acres it sits on which is the historic site of the Town Parade ground. Ruth Rollins seconded the motion. (See article 2) Alan Penfold moved to amend that the Town allow the Board of Selectmen to accept a gift of the Trinity Church and approximately 3 acres it sits on which is the historic site of the Town Parade ground and to further authorize and require the Selectmen to convey said property by quit claim deed for \$1.00, under such terms and conditions, as they deem necessary and reasonable. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 19: Larry Dingee moved that the Town vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. The motion was seconded by Bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 20: Larry Dingee moved to accept the reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. Larry Dingee also noted that last year at Town Meeting a Current Use/Tax Assessment Review committee was formed. The report is on page 50 of the 2004 Town Report book. The investigation includes 28 residential-current use properties or approximately 10% of the 280 town residential properties that are in Current Use. The total valuation for the house-sites of properties is \$1,001,700. The total valuation calculated for these same 28 properties with zoning applied are \$1,276,800. The increase of \$275,100 on 28 (10%) of the current use properties could be projected to increase the total value of the town as applied to all 280 current use properties by approximately 3% or (\$2,750,1000). The Town of Cornish has a total valuation of \$101,480,867 (as of 10/3/03). The calculations were completed with the Cornish Town Computer implementing the Land Code & Values program by Avitar, town tax assessors. Kay Wegner (committee member) stated she would like the minutes to indicate one correction for that report. Some members of the committee felt that the current use residential tax rates are inequitable especially regarding the house site. Kay Wegner made a motion to form a committee to consider and implement a proposal to the Planning/Zoning Board (which ever is appropriate) to allow all Cornish resident/homeowners to apply the house



site perimeters as allowed by Current Use property owners. The motion was seconded by Gary Wegner. There was a hand voted taken with 32 Yes and 27 no.

Article 21: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Don Snowden awarded the Conservation Commission award to Roz Seidel and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for doing a Valley Quest on the CREA property.

Nate Cass, Fire Chief, awarded to Bob Maslan (Selectman for 12 years) a lifetime membership to the Cornish Fire Department.

Buz Lord had requested at last year's Town Meeting that he would like the Selectmen look into creating a fund for the care and repair of Town Buildings. Larry Dingee, Selectmen, stated that it had been discussed but a decision had not been made and it would be looked into again this year and report back at the 2005 Town Meeting.


Polly Rand made a motion that the Fence Viewers be: Alan Penfold, Kay Wegner, Gary Wegner, Leo Maslan, Fred Sullivan, Kay Kibbie, Jesse Tyler, Clark Rockefeller and Jack Rock. The motion was seconded by Bill Balch and voted on in the affirmative.

Polly Rand made a motion that the Surveyors of Wood Bark & Lumber be: Reyer Jaarsma, Jim Fitch, Robin Waterman, Fred Weld, Leo Maslan, James Neil and Gwyn Gallagher. Bill Caterino seconded the motion and it was voted on in the affirmative.

Nomination for Hog Reeves were: Jessie & Barbara Tyler, Jim & Karen Strout, Tammy & Allen Dodge, Troy & Alicia Simino and Gail & Lenny Pillsbury. These nominations were then voted on in the affirmative.

Bob Maslan moved to close the meeting at 4:50 pm. The motion was seconded by bill Gallagher and voted on in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,



Reigh H. Sweetser, Town Clerk

**2005 BUDGET**  
*Statement of Revenues*  
*Town of Cornish*

	2004 Proposed	2004 Actual	Estimate Over(Under)	2005 Proposed	Estimate Over(Under)
<b>TAXES</b>					
Land Use Change Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	12,000	20,736	8,736	15,000	3,000
Paymt in Lieu of Taxes	1,907	2,171	264	2,000	93
Interest & Penalty on Taxes	22,000	19,576	(2,424)	20,000	(2,000)
Excavation Tax	1,000	1,112	112	1,000	0
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES</b>					
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	244,500	246,950	2,450	245,000	500
Building Permits	500	670	170	500	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000	1,826	(174)	2,000	0
Other Permits and Fees	200	200	0	200	0
<b>STATE OF NH &amp; FEDERAL</b>					
Federal Grants/Reimburse	0	4,100	4,100	95,265	95,265
Shared Revenues-Rooms	56,110	56,110	0	56,110	0
Shared Revenue-BPT	11,939	11,939	0	11,939	0
Highway Block Grant	97,997	97,997	0	101,365	3,368
Railroad Tax & Other	1,317	1,317	0	1,317	0
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
Zoning Board Fees	200	49	(151)	200	0
Planning Board Fees	1,500	1,341	(159)	1,500	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg. Sales	50	53	3	50	0
Burial Fees	500	560	60	500	0
Highway Dept. Income	600	872	272	50	(550)
Police Dept. Income	7,000	9,984	2,984	9,000	2,000
Fire Dept. Income	1,500	1,340	(160)	50	(1,450)
Recycling Income	1,000	1,044	44	1,000	0
Transfer Station Ticket Sales	8,000	6,080	(1,920)	6,000	(2,000)
<b>MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES</b>					
Sale of Town Property	0		0		0
Insurance Dividends	1,000	835	(165)	1,000	0
Rental of Town Property	1,500	1,800	300	1,500	0
Interest on Investments	8,000	11,262	3,262	12,000	4,000
Town Forest	0	0	0	0	0
Other Sources	114,000	114,864	864	4,000	(110,000)
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
Trust & Special Revenue	5,175	0	(5,175)	2,175	(3,000)
Capital Reserve Funds	97,000	87,500	(9,500)	137,500	40,500
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Proceeds from long-term bonds	0	0	0	0	0
Use of Fund Balance	10,000	0	(10,000)	22,350	12,350
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>708,495</b>	<b>702,288</b>	<b>(6,207)</b>	<b>750,571</b>	<b>42,076</b>

**2005 BUDGET**  
**General Fund Balance Sheet**  
**Town of Cornish**

	December 2004	December 2003
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,153,921	855,892
Petty Cash	200	200
Uncollected Property Taxes	165,362	120,392
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	4,368	777
Uncollected Yield Taxes	447	939
Uncollected Excavation Taxes	0	0
Unredeemed Taxes	45,031	45,117
Allowance for Tax Refunds	(44,717)	(48,839)
Accounts Receivables	39	1,042
Due from the Trust fund	87,500	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,412,151</b>	<b>975,521</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE</b>		
Accounts Payable	0	11,905
Due to Conservations Fund	19,662	4,236
Due to School District	799,822	523,162
Due to Town Forest	100	100
Deferred Tax Revenue	4,602	0
Deferred Burial Revenue	80	80
Payroll Withholding(Retirement)	0	868
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	132,106	38,185
Undesignated	455,779	396,986
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>1,412,151</b>	<b>975,521</b>

Source MS-5 Part 2



**2005 BUDGET**  
**Summary of Appropriation and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

2005 Warrant Article	2004 Final Approp.	2004 Actual Expend	2004 (Over) Under	2005 Proposed Budget	Budget Increase Decrease)
<b>2</b>					
	<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>				
(a)	Town Office Salaries/Exp	73,380	72,541	839	77,775 4,395
(b)	Elections/Reg/Vital Stats	3,750	5,006	(1,256)	3,435 (315)
(c)	Audit Town Books	5,000	5,000	0	5,500 500
(d)	Revaluation of Property	5,000	5,000	0	5,000 0
(e)	Legal Expenses	4,500	4,511	(11)	4,500 0
(f)	Planning Board	1,500	1,876	(376)	1,600 100
(g)	Zoning Board	550	292	258	550 0
(h)	Building and Grounds	19,920	17,659	2,261	20,000 80
(i)	Cemeteries/Perpetual Care	24,025	23,105	920	23,321 (704)
(j)	Insurance	30,000	29,739	261	34,000 4,000
(k)	Regional Assn (UVLSRPC)	1,595	1,595	0	1,745 150
(l)	Town Records Preservation	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,800 (700)
(m)	Spirit Committee	1,000	360	640	1,000 0
	<b>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>172,720</b>	<b>168,184</b>	<b>4,536</b>	<b>180,226 7,506</b>
	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>				
(n)	Police Department	47,023	45,411	1,612	51,539 4,516
(o)	Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400 0
(p)	Ambulance	16,463	17,095	(632)	18,169 1,706
(q)	Fire Department	34,275	30,894	3,381	27,675 (6,600)
(r)	Emergency Management	50	31	19	50 0
	<b>TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>102,211</b>	<b>97,831</b>	<b>4,380</b>	<b>101,833 (378)</b>
	<b>Highways, Streets, &amp; Bridges</b>				
10	Class V Highways	357,500	326,357	31,143	360,850 3,350
	<b>TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPT</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>326,357</b>	<b>31,143</b>	<b>360,850 3,350</b>
	<b>Sanitation</b>				
(s)	Septage	2,500	2,492	8	2,500 0
(t)	Transfer Station Tickets	8,000	4,000	4,000	6,000 (2,000)
(u)	Recycling	6,750	5,661	1,089	6,750 0
(v)	Hazardous Waste	750	610	140	750 0
	<b>TOTAL SANITATION</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>12,763</b>	<b>5,237</b>	<b>16,000 (2,000)</b>
	<b>Health &amp; Welfare</b>				
(w)	Health Services	8,830	8,743	87	8,080 (750)
(x)	General Assistance	2,500	801	1,699	2,500 0
	<b>TOTAL HEALTH &amp; WELFARE</b>	<b>11,330</b>	<b>9,544</b>	<b>1,786</b>	<b>10,580 (750)</b>

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Culture & Recreation		Town of Cornish				
(y)	Parks & Recreation (CREA)	3,750	3,750	0	3,750	0
(z)	Memorial Day	600	195	405	600	0
(z1)	Windsor Library	0	0	0	600	600
	TOTAL CULTURE & REC.	4,350	3,945	405	4,950	600
Conservation						
(z2)	Conservation Comm	600	612	(12)	800	200
	TOTAL CONSERVATION	600	612	(12)	800	200
DEBT SERVICE						
(z3)	Interest-Tax Antcip Note	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
	TOTAL	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT						
(z4)	Library Fund	10,950	10,904	46	10,211	(739)
3	Conservation Fund	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	0
4	Highway Capital Res Fund	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
5	Fire Capital Reserve Fund	13,000	13,000	0	22,000	9,000
6	Police Capital Res Fund	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
7	Appraisal Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
8	Library Capital Reserve	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
9	Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
	TOTAL TRANSFERS OUT	97,950	97,904	46	106,211	8,261
	Encumbrances from 03		24,014	(24,014)		
	Encumbrances carried to 05		29,273	(29,273)		
	Total Before Capital/Other	766,661	770,427	(3,766)	783,450	16,789
Capital Outlay & Other Articles						
	Assessing Serv 04-11	12,000	2,500	9,500	0	0
	Dump Truck 04-13	85,000	51,570	33,430	0	0
	History Books 04-14	5,000	5,000	0	0	0
	Cemetery Vehicle 04-15	5,000	0	5,000	0	0
	New Police Dept. Building 04-17	110,000	40,597	69,403	0	0
11	Town Hall Maint 05-11	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
12	Cemetery Mower 05-12	0	0	0	16,560	16,560
13	Police Cruiser 05-13	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
14	Assessing Serv 05-14	0	0	0	30,500	30,500
15	Fire Tanker 05-15	0	0	0	82,000	82,000
16	Matching Fire Grant 05-16	0	0	0	105,850	105,850
	Total Articles	217,000	99,667	117,333	274,910	274,910
	Encumbrances from 03		10,897	(10,897)		
	Encumbrances carried to 05		102,833	(102,833)		0
	TOTAL TOWN EXPEND	983,661	983,824	(163)	1,058,360	75,438

**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005
	Final	Actual	(Over)	Proposed	Increase
	Approp.	Expend	Under	Budget	(Decrease)
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>					
Salaries & wages	31,050	30,776	274	34,250	3,200
Salary - Town Clerk	1,500	1,500	0	1,500	0
Salary - Tax Collector	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Salary - Treasurer	1,100	1,100	0	1,100	0
Salary - Deputy Treasurer	100	100	0	100	0
Salary - DepClerk/Tax Coll	500	510	(10)	500	0
FICA(SS) - Town portion	4,250	3,485	765	3,600	(650)
Medicare	0	805	(805)	875	875
Advertising	500	40	460	300	(200)
Memberships	1,000	1,048	(48)	1,050	50
Postage	2,000	2,736	(736)	2,500	500
Software lease & service	4,500	4,841	(341)	4,900	400
Computer expense	3,000	217	2,783	3,000	0
Copier Lease	1,730	1,886	(156)	1,900	170
Office supplies	3,500	3,246	254	3,500	0
Town Clerk Ref. Books	400	566	(166)	400	0
Town report costs	2,400	2,209	191	2,400	0
Mileage	1,900	1,713	187	1,900	0
Training & education	1,500	1,337	163	1,500	0
Town Clerk fee - vehicles	3,300	3,606	(306)	3,300	0
Town Clerk fee - various	100	100	0	100	0
Tax Collector Fee - Tax Liens	100	1,544	(1,444)	100	0
Registry of deeds costs	150	213	(63)	250	100
Telephone - Selectmen	1,000	710	290	900	(100)
Telephone - Tax Collector	700	714	(14)	750	50
Telephone - Town Clerk	800	846	(46)	800	0
Miscellaneous expenses	300	693	(393)	300	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>73,380</b>	<b>72,541</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>77,775</b>	<b>4,395</b>



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	2004 Final Approp.	2004 Actual Expend	2004 (Over) Under	2005 Proposed Budget	2005 Increase (Decrease)
<b>ELECTION/REGISTRATION/VITAL</b>					
Salaries & Wages	1,910	3,632	(1,722)	1,100	(810)
FICA(SS)-Town Portion	150	16	134	50	(100)
Medicare	0	4	(4)	10	10
Advertising	800	124	676	125	(675)
Postage	105	84	21	25	(80)
Office Supplies	75	166	(91)	100	25
Town Election Costs	0	437	(437)	100	100
Mileage	110	130	(20)	200	90
Misc Expenses	300	390	(90)	225	(75)
Vital Statistics Fees	300	23	277	500	200
Computer expenses	0	0	0	1,000	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,750</b>	<b>5,006</b>	<b>(1,256)</b>	<b>3,435</b>	<b>(315)</b>
<b>AUDIT TOWN BOOKS</b>					
Audit Fee	5,000	5,000	0	5,500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>REVALUATION OF PROPERTY</b>					
Reappraisal expenses	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>LEGAL FEES</b>					
Legal fees & damages	4,500	4,511	(11)	4,500	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
Salaries	500	500	0	500	0
Advertising	400	612	(212)	400	0
Postage	300	326	(26)	300	0
Mileage	100	33	67	100	0
Training & Education	100	379	(279)	100	0
Misc Expenses	100	26	74	200	100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,876</b>	<b>(376)</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>ZONING BOARD</b>					
Advertising	300	57	243	300	0
Postage	150	43	107	150	0
Training & Education	50	72	(22)	50	0
Misc Expenses	50	120	(70)	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>INSURANCE(EXCLUDING MEDICAL)</b>					
Property/Liability	30,000	29,739	261	34,000	4,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>29,739</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
<b>REGIONAL ASSOCIATION</b>					
UVLSRPC	1,595	1,595	0	1,745	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>1,595</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>TOWN RECORDS PRESERVATION</b>					
Preservation Expenses	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,800	(700)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>(700)</b>
<b>SPIRIT COMMITTEE</b>					
Spirit Project Expenses	1,000	360	640	1,000	0
<b>Encumbrances to 05</b>		<b>642</b>	<b>(642)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>0</b>
Encumbrances = Town hall door and Hearse House repairs					

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	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005
	Final	Actual	(Over)	Proposed	Increase
	Approp.	Expend	Under	Budget	(Decrease)
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>					
Salaries	5,500	4,639	861	5,500	0
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	420	309	111	350	(70)
Medicare-Town Portion	0	30	(30)	80	80
Electricity-Town Offices	2,000	1,849	151	2,000	0
Electricity-Town Hall	2,000	1,878	122	2,000	0
Heat-Town Office	2,250	2,786	(536)	2,500	250
Heat-Town Hall	3,250	1,528	1,722	2,200	(1,050)
Rubbish Removal	500	863	(363)	875	375
Misc Expenses	500	339	161	500	0
Building Maintenance	3,000	3,006	(6)	3,495	495
Maintenance Supplies	500	432	68	500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19,920</b>	<b>17,659</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>CEMETERIES/PERPETUAL CARE</b>					
Salaries	10,500	10,385	115	13,200	2,700
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	1,315	1,007	308	880	(435)
Medicare-Town Portion	0	256	(256)	216	216
Office Supplies	85	0	85	0	(85)
Mileage	300	201	99	250	(50)
Equip, Tools, Supplies	1,000	1,875	(875)	1,000	0
Gasoline	500	450	50	500	0
Diesel Fuel	350	89	261	200	(150)
Hired Equipment	450	400	50	600	150
Misc Expenses	450	250	200	300	(150)
Maintenance-Pickup Truck	400	160	240	500	100
Equip Repair&Main	500	566	(66)	500	0
Maintenance Supplies	1,000	947	53	1,000	0
Perpetual Care	5,000	5,000	0	2,000	(3,000)
Sanderson Fund	175	0	175	175	0
Burial Expenses	1,000	519	481	1,000	0
Headstone Cleaning	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,025</b>	<b>23,105</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>23,321</b>	<b>(704)</b>

**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005
	Final	Actual	(Over)	Proposed	Increase
	Approp.	Expend	Under	Budget	(Decrease)
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Salaries	22,508	20,470	2,038	25,068	2,560
Salaries-Special	4,500	6,283	(1,783)	6,100	1,600
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	2,066	1,713	353	2,000	(66)
Medicare	0	401	(401)	475	475
Postage	30	26	4	30	0
Computer Expenses	1,500	1,107	393	1,600	100
Office supplies	300	0	300	300	0
Training & education	1,350	262	1,088	1,200	(150)
Heat			0		0
Electricity			0		0
Telephone	2,496	2,243	253	2,496	0
Uniforms	1,000	474	526	500	(500)
Equipment	420	2,011	(1,591)	420	0
Dispatch	7,402	7,401	1	7,700	298
Gasoline	900	794	106	900	0
Miscellaneous expenses	100	134	(34)	100	0
Contract Services	500	500	0	700	200
Equipment repair/maintenance	500	30	470	500	0
Radio	450	262	188	450	0
Vehicle maintenance	1,000	1,300	(300)	1,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,023</b>	<b>45,411</b>	<b>1,612</b>	<b>51,539</b>	<b>4,516</b>
<b>Encumbrances carried to 05</b>		<b>2500</b>	<b>(2,500)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,023</b>	<b>47,911</b>	<b>(888)</b>	<b>51,539</b>	<b>4,516</b>
Encumbrance = Single user software spoke dispatch program					
<b>RESCUE SQUAD</b>					
Rescue Squad Contribution	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,400</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>AMBULANCE</b>					
Town of Windsor	8,878	9,510	(632)	10,584	1,706
Golden Cross	7,585	7,585	0	7,585	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,463</b>	<b>17,095</b>	<b>(632)</b>	<b>18,169</b>	<b>1,706</b>



**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2,004 Final Approp	2,004 Actual Expend	2,004 (Over) Under	2,005 Proposed Budget	2005 Increase (Decrease)
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>					
Subscriptions	75	0	75	75	0
Memberships	400	350	50	400	0
Postage	50	0	50	50	0
Mileage	150	0	150	150	0
Training & Educations	200	40	160	200	0
Telephone	1,100	971	129	900	(200)
Electricity-Route 120	500	269	231	500	0
Electricity-Town House Rd	2,000	1,788	212	2,000	0
Heat-Route 120	1,500	1,375	125	1,500	0
Heat-Town House Rd	2,000	1,467	533	1,600	(400)
Fire Equipment Purchases	2,000	5,919	(3,919)	1,000	(1,000)
Protective Clothing	4,000	1,159	2,841	500	(3,500)
Pagers	2,000	948	1,052	1,000	(1,000)
Hose Replacement	500	0	500	2,000	1,500
Forest Fire	1,000	1,229	(229)	1,000	0
Dispatch	5,000	4,702	298	5,000	0
Gasoline	450	324	126	450	0
Diesel Fuel	550	416	134	550	0
Misc. Expenses	150	824	(674)	150	0
Equipment Repair&Maint	1,000	153	847	1,000	0
Radios	1,000	1,871	(871)	1,000	0
Maint Sta 1-Town House Rd	1,000	1,002	(2)	1,000	0
Maint Sta 1-Route 120	250	65	185	250	0
Maintenance-Engine 1	1,000	345	655	1,000	0
Maintenance-Engine 2	1,000	997	3	1,000	0
Maintenance-Tanker	1,000	2,509	(1,509)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Forest/Eng 3	400	348	52	400	0
Maintenance-Utility Truck	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0
Maintenance-SCBA	1,000	1,823	(823)	1,000	0
SCBA-Bottle Replace	2,000	0	2,000	0	(2,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,275</b>	<b>30,894</b>	<b>3,381</b>	<b>27,675</b>	<b>(6,600)</b>
<b>Encumbrances carried to 05</b>		<b>1,031</b>	<b>(1,031)</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,275</b>	<b>31,925</b>	<b>2,350</b>	<b>27,675</b>	<b>(6,600)</b>
Encumbrance = Interfaces for Engines 1 and 3 (Ossipee Mt. Electronics)					
<b>EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>					
Civil Defense	50	31	19	50	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>

**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2,004 Final Approp	2,004 Actual Expend	2,004 (Over) Under	2,005 Proposed Budget	2005 Increase (Decrease)
<b>HIGHWAY &amp; STREETS</b>					
Salaries	129,250	111,069	18,181	135,000	5,750
Salaries-Part time	3,000	3,263	(263)	3,000	0
Salaries-Overtime	16,000	6,517	9,483	16,000	0
Salaries-PT/OT	0		0	0	0
Fica(SS)-Town Portion	11,500	10,044	1,456	9,550	(1,950)
Medicare - Town Portion	0	(597)	597	2,250	2,250
Retirement-Town Portion	6,500	6,971	(471)	9,500	3,000
Medical-Town Portion	32,650	29,498	3,152	38,250	5,600
Telephone	600	589	11	600	0
Electricity	2,200	2,078	122	2,200	0
Heat	2,500	1,689	811	2,500	0
Uniforms	6,000	5,435	565	6,000	0
Gasoline	400	1,503	(1,103)	800	400
Diesel Fuel	14,000	14,412	(412)	14,600	600
Oil & Lubricants	1,300	911	389	1,300	0
Asphalt & Tar	46,000	47,285	(1,285)	46,000	0
Gravel	23,000	21,610	1,390	12,700	(10,300)
Sand	10,000	8,634	1,366	10,000	0
Salt	1,000	897	103	1,000	0
Chloride	500	300	200	500	0
Culverts	4,500	4,974	(474)	4,500	0
Road Supplies	11,500	9,987	1,513	11,500	0
Shop Supplies	4,000	6,115	(2,115)	4,000	0
Hired Equipment	11,000	7,195	3,805	10,000	(1,000)
Rubbish Removal	600	583	17	600	0
Dodge Van	500	575	(75)	0	(500)
2003 Pickup	1,000	1,164	(164)	1,000	0
2002 Truck	2,500	3,407	(907)	3,000	500
1996 Truck	4,000	4,630	(630)	4,500	500
1990/2003 Truck	5,000	5,475	(475)	1,000	(4,000)
1999 Loader	1,000	1,435	(435)	1,000	0
2002 Grader	1,000	3,035	(2,035)	3,000	2,000
Roadside Mower	1,500	2,531	(1,031)	2,000	500
Sweeper	500	345	155	500	0
Insurance Reimbursement	0	(1,428)	1,428	0	0
Radios	500	0	500	500	0
Building Maintenance	2,000	8,548	(6,548)	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>326,357</b>	<b>31,143</b>	<b>360,850</b>	<b>3,350</b>
<b>Encumbrances carried to '05</b>		<b>24,600</b>	<b>(24,600)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357,500</b>	<b>350,957</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>360,850</b>	<b>3,350</b>
<b>Highway Block Grant =</b>	<b>101,365</b>				
Encumbrances = paving and sander					

**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2,004 Final Approp	2,004 Actual Expend	2,004 (Over) Under	2,005 Proposed Budget	2005 Increase (Decrease)
<b>SANITATION</b>					
Septage Charge-Clmt	2,500	2,492	8	2,500	0
Transfer Ticket Costs	8,000	4,000	4,000	6,000	(2,000)
Recycling	6,750	5,661	1,089	6,750	0
Hazardous Waste	750	610	140	750	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>12,763</b>	<b>5,237</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>
<b>Encumbrances carried to 05</b>		<b>500</b>	<b>(500)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,000</b>	<b>13,263</b>	<b>4,737</b>	<b>16,000</b>	<b>(2,000)</b>
Encumbrance = consulting fee for recycling					
<b>HEALTH</b>					
Health Dept. Expense	50	0	50	50	0
Animal Control	480	443	37	480	0
Visiting Nurse	1,825	1,825	0	1,500	(325)
Ct. Valley Home Care	1,825	1,825	0	2,500	675
Comm Youth Advocates	2,500	2,500	0	500	(2,000)
Sullivan Cty Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
SW Community Service	500	500	0	500	0
Volunteers in Action	400	400	0	400	0
W. Central Health	1,000	1,000	0	1,500	500
Meals on Wheels	0	0	0	200	200
Senior Citizen Council	0	0	0	200	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,830</b>	<b>8,743</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>8,080</b>	<b>(750)</b>
<b>WELFARE</b>					
General Assistance	2,500	801	1,699	2,500	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>					
CREA Maintenance	3,750	3,750	0	3,750	0
Windsor Library	0	0	0	600	600
Memorial Day	600	195	405	600	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,350</b>	<b>3,945</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>4,950</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
Conservation Commission	600	612	(12)	800	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>					
Interest-Tax Anticip Note	2,000	0	2,000	2,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS</b>					
Library Fund	10,950	10,904	46	10,211	(739)
Conservation Fund	3,000	3,000	0	3,000	0
Highway Capital Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	35,000	0
Fire Capital Reserve	13,000	13,000	0	22,000	9,000
Police Capital Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Reserve Fund	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Capital Reserve	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
Bridge Capital Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97,950</b>	<b>97,904</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>106,211</b>	<b>8,261</b>
<b>TOTAL BEFORE ARTICLES</b>	<b>766,661</b>	<b>717,140</b>	<b>49,521</b>	<b>783,450</b>	<b>16,789</b>
<b>Encumbrances from 03</b>		<b>24,014</b>	<b>(24,014)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Encumbrances carried to 05</b>		<b>29,273</b>	<b>(29,273)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL (includes encumbrances)</b>	<b>766,661</b>	<b>770,427</b>	<b>(3,766)</b>	<b>783,450</b>	<b>16,789</b>



**2005 BUDGET**  
**Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2,004 Final Approp	2,004 Actual Expend	2,004 (Over) Under	2,005 Proposed Budget	2005 Increase (Decrease)
<b>ARTICLES</b>					
Assessing Serv 04-11	12,000	2,500	9,500	0	
Dump Truck 04-13	85,000	51,570	33,430	0	
History Book 04-14	5,000	5,000	0	0	
Cemetery Vehicle 04-15	5,000	0	5,000	0	
New Pd Building 04-02	110,000	40,597	69,403	0	
Town Hall Maintenance 05-11	0	0	0	15,000	15,000
Cemetery Mower 05-12	0	0	0	16,560	16,560
Police Cruiser 05-13	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Assessing Serv 05-14	0	0	0	30,500	30,500
Fire Dept Tanker 05-15	0	0	0	82,000	82,000
Fire Dept Grant 05-16	0	0	0	105,850	105,850
<b>TOTAL ARTICLES</b>	<b>217,000</b>	<b>99,667</b>	<b>117,333</b>	<b>274,910</b>	<b>274,910</b>
<b>Encumbrances from 03</b>		<b>10,897</b>	<b>(10,897)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>Encumbrances to 05</b>		<b>102,833</b>	<b>(102,833)</b>		<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL TOWN EXPEND and ENCUMBERANCES</b>	<b>983,661</b>	<b>983,824</b>	<b>(163)</b>	<b>1,058,360</b>	<b>74,699</b>

**2004 SALARIES AND WAGES**  
*Town of Cornish*

	FTE/ HRS	WKS	2004 SALARY	FICA	RTMT	HEALTH	TOTAL SAL/BENEF.
<b>TOWN OFFICE</b>							
Bourne Merilynn		42	1,221	76	0	0	1,297
Caterino, Bill		52	1,100	84	0	0	1,184
Dingee, Larry		52	1,746	108	0	0	1,854
Gallagher, Bill		52	1,831	140	0	0	1,971
Harthan, Paula			1,136	87	0	0	1,223
Kolenberg, Marge	*36	52	27,594	2,111	0	0	29,705
Sweetser, Reigh	*15	52	20,193	1,545	0	0	21,738
<b>BUILDING &amp; GROUNDS</b>							
Monette, Mike			1,520	116	0	0	1,636
<b>CEMETERIES</b>							
Abbott, George	21	26	5,745	439	0	0	6,184
Earle, Albert	21	26	7,254	555	0	0	7,809
Rawson, John	21	26	6,705	512	0	0	7,217
<b>POLICE</b>							
Hackett, Doug			14,650	1,121	0	0	15,771
Simonds, Crystal			1,082	89	0	0	1,171
Stevens, Corey			7,323	560	0	0	7,883
<b>HIGHWAY</b>							
Goewey, Paul			2,812	215	140	0	3,167
Gusha, Wilbur	40	52	5,800	444	0	0	6,244
Kibbie, Bob			703	54	0	0	757
Smith, Shane	40	52	24,032	1,838	1,418	3,746	31,034
Spaulding, Jr Tom A	40	52	24,408	1,867	1,440	10,115	37,830
Spaulding, Tom	40	52	35,561	2,720	2,098	7,493	47,872
Sumner, Eric			629	48			677
Yeaton, Steve	40	52	28,942	2,214	1,708	3,746	36,610
<b>LIBRARY</b>							
Cromwell, Emily	10	52	5,108	391	0	0	5,499
O'Connor, Dale			629	48	0	0	677

Wages totaling less then \$600 are not included in the above.

\* Open to the public

## 2005 BUDGET

### Summary of Inventory Valuation Town of Cornish

	2004	2004	2003	2003
	Acres	Assessed Valuation	Acres	Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	22,739	1,948,638	22,769	2,339,967
Conservation Restriction	90	10,590		
Residential	2,869	20,314,300	2,938	20,305,508
Commerical/Industrial	5	162,300	5	162,300
TOTAL OF TAX LAND	25,702	22,435,828	25,712	22,807,775
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		75,463,710		73,707,692
Manufactured Housing		2,384,400		2,371,800
Commerical/Industrial		635,100		632,300
Discretionary Preservation		17,590		
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		78,500,800		76,711,792
Public Utilities-Electric				
Central Vermont Public Service		0		170,100
Connecticut Valley Electric		0		681,800
Granite State Electric		212,400		212,400
New England Power		883,000		883,000
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		979,000		979,000
Public Service of NH		8,519,800		0
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		2,926,300		2,926,300
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION				
BEFORE EXEMPTION		103,862,928		102,445,867
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(2)		(30,000)		(45,000)
Elderly (26)		(1,000,700)		(870,000)
Disabled (2)		(50,000)		(50,000)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		102,782,228		101,480,867

#### Current Use Report For 2004

	Acres with Current Use Assessment
Farm Land	2,388
Forest Land	20,011
Unproductive Land	188
Wetland	152
ACRES IN CURRENT USE	22,739

Source MS-1



TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31,2004

	2004	2003
UNCOLLECTED TAXES-START OF YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES		120,392.02
LAND USE		777.43
YIELD TAX		939.38
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	2,530,167.00	
LAND USE CHANGE	19,662.50	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	20,736.34	
EXCAVATION TAX	1,112.08	
OVERPAYMENTS		
FROM PRIOR YEAR	1,410.80	
PROPERTY	5,809.39	
INTEREST COLLECTED-ALL TAXES	2,553.62	8,498.09
TOTAL DEBITS	2,581,451.73	130,606.92
COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	2,364,302.73	83,966.84
USE CHANGE TAX	13,132.00	777.43
TIMBER YIELD TAX	20,227.10	769.28
EXCAVATION TAX	1,112.08	
CONVERTED TO LIENS		36,386.18
INTEREST PENALTIES	2,553.62	8,498.09
PRIOR YE AR OVERPMTS ASSIGNED	1,410.80	
ABATEMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	502.00	39.00
LAND USE	2,162.50	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	62.60	170.10
OVERPAYMENTS		
PROPERTY TAXES	5,809.39	
UNCOLLECTED AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR		
PROPERTY TAXES	165,362.27	
USE CHANGE TAX	4,368.00	
TIMBER YIELD TAX	446.64	
TOTAL CREDITS	2,581,451.73	130,606.92

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACC OUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED

REIGH H. SWEETSER

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT  
DECEMBER 31, 2004  
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS

LIENS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE FISCAL YEAR

	2003	2002	2001
UNREDEEMED		34,927.80	10,188.94
LIENS EXECUTED	40,128.38		
INTEREST COLLECTED	773.29	4,335.05	3,553.37
 TOTAL LIEN DEBITS	 40,901.67	 39,262.85	 13,742.31

COLLECTED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR

REDEMPTIONS	8,882.59	21,910.21	9,421.45
INTEREST COLLECTED	773.29	4,335.05	3,553.37
 BALANCE AT YEAR END	 31,245.79	 13,017.59	 767.49
 TOTAL LIEN CREDITS	 40,901.67	 39,262.85	 13,742.31

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT TO THE BEST  
OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED,

REIGH H. SWEETSER

**2005 BUDGET**  
**Tax Rate Computation**  
**Town of Cornish**

	2005E	2004	2003
Total Town Appropriations	1,058,360	983,661	831,152
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	15,517	17,445
War Service Credits	10,800	10,800	11,300
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	(750,571)	(708,495)	(559,567)
State Shared Revenues	(9,090)	(9,090)	(9,090)
<b>Town Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>324,499</b>	<b>292,393</b>	<b>291,240</b>
School Tax Assessment	2,934,572	2,730,042	2,599,940
Less: State Shared Revenues	(805,197)	(805,218)	(806,776)
State Educations Taxes)	(333,266)	(342,350)	(425,548)
<b>School Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>1,796,109</b>	<b>1,582,474</b>	<b>1,367,616</b>
<b>State Education Tax To Be Raised</b>	<b>333,266</b>	<b>342,350</b>	<b>425,548</b>
County Tax Assessment	325,673	325,673	342,423
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	(3,928)	(3,928)	(3,928)
<b>County Taxes To Be Raised</b>	<b>321,745</b>	<b>321,745</b>	<b>338,495</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED</b>	<b>2,776,219</b>	<b>2,538,962</b>	<b>2,422,899</b>
Divide By Assessed Valuation	102,782,228	102,782,228	101,480,867
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	99,855,928	99,855,928	98,554,567
<b>TOTAL TAX RATE</b>			
<b>PER \$1,000 OF VALUATION</b>	<b>27.09</b>	<b>24.80</b>	<b>24.00</b>
<b>TAX RATE BREAKDOWN</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Town Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	3.16	2.84	2.86
State Education Tax Per \$1,000 of Valuation	3.33	3.43	4.32
School Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	17.47	15.40	13.48
County Rate Per \$1,000 Of Valuation	3.13	3.13	3.34
<b>TOTAL RATE</b>	<b>27.09</b>	<b>24.80</b>	<b>24.00</b>



TREASURER'S REPORT  
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Year Ended December 31, 2004

Reconciliation-Checking Account		
Balance 12/31/2003		855,891.79
Add Receipts:		
Tax Collector	2,585,634.96	
Town Clerk	265,759.36	
Selectmen & Other	365,985.66	
Total Available		4,073,271.77
Less Payments During Year:		
School	1,648,164.00	
County	325,673.00	
Town	945,513.61	
Balance 12/31/2004		1,153,921.16
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2004		60,020.33
Add Deposits in Transit	20,952.07	
Add Uncollected Chargebacks	407.00	
Add Short Term Investments	1,151,258.38	
Less Outstanding Vendor Check	(74,646.00)	
Less Outstanding Payroll Check	(4,070.62)	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2004		1,153,921.16

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer				
	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Conservation Fund	36,550.88	7,609.99		44,160.87
CREA Fund	8,089.14	79.85		8,168.99
Rodney Palmer Fund	14,369.23	141.94	150.00	14,361.17
CREA Barn Fund	16,486.65	12,990.73		29,477.38

Respectfully submitted,  
William Caterino  
Town Treasurer

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS	\$252,747.00
DOG LICENSES/ANIMAL CONTROL	2,380.50
DOG PENALTIES & FINES	318.50
MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED	540.00
TRANSFER STATION TICKETS	5,300.00
MISC. (COPIES, LABELS, CHECKLISTS)	600.86
FILING FEES FOR TITLES	856.00
UCC/WETLANDS FEES	568.00
FISH & GAME LICENSES	1,976.50
VITAL STATISTICS	472.00
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TOTAL MONEY REMITTED TO THE TREASURER	\$265,759.36

There was a small decrease in the amount of money taken in at the Clerk's office of \$3,337.16 for 2004.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk

**CORNISH TRUST FUNDS 2004**

Date Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal			Income			
			Beginning Balance	New Funds	Year End Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	Balance/Available
1987	Cornish/Welfare	Charitable	\$3,518.54	\$0.00	\$3,518.54	\$4,728.04	\$88.62	\$0.00	\$4,816.66
1989	Foss&Kimball	Charitable	\$5,096.04	\$0.00	\$5,096.04	\$19,754.14	\$267.12	\$0.00	\$20,021.26
1971	MJ Kenney	Charitable	\$4,044.61	\$0.00	\$4,044.61	\$6,616.33	\$114.60	\$0.00	\$6,730.93
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$10,897.15	\$0.00	\$10,897.15	\$9,495.52	\$203.96	\$1,500.00	\$8,199.48
1902	Mercer/Aid to Ed.	Scholarship	\$13,214.61	\$0.00	\$13,214.61	\$70,886.67	\$898.31	\$1,500.00	\$70,284.98
1898	Public School	Scholarship	\$4,182.24	\$0.00	\$4,182.24	\$1,020.81	\$15.45	\$0.00	\$1,036.26
1999	Queneau	Scholarship	\$33,000.00	\$0.00	\$33,000.00	\$1,125.46	\$364.49	\$495.00	\$994.95
1909	Foss/Flags Upkeep	Town Trust	\$1,731.40	\$0.00	\$1,731.40	\$6,490.81	\$88.39	\$0.00	\$6,579.20
1902	Guide Boards/Beaman	Town Trust	\$1,173.06	\$0.00	\$1,173.06	\$3,951.76	\$55.09	\$0.00	\$4,006.85
1985	Veterans Merry/Upkeep	Town Trust	\$500.00	\$145.35	\$645.35	\$275.27	\$9.81	\$0.00	\$285.07
Various	Perpetual Care	Cemetery	\$62,139.65	\$1,200.00	\$63,339.65	\$45,287.31	\$1,160.75	\$7.00	\$46,448.06
2004	NEW Perpetual Care/NEW Roland Roland C.	Chase	\$400.00						
2004	NEW Kantor, Donald	Comings	\$400.00						
2004	NEW Allen, Duane	Edminster	\$400.00						



All funds are invested with Citizens Bank. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge & belief. C.Kay Wegner & Willis Reed

CAPITAL	RESERVE	FUNDS	2004
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		PRINCIPAL				INCOME				
Date Created	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Withdrawals	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expended	Year End Balance	Available Funds
1985	Appraisal	\$48,300.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$58,300.00	\$13,162.31	\$706.26	\$0.00	\$13,868.57	\$72,168.57
1995	Bridges	\$20,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00	\$7,519.04	\$341.39	\$0.00	\$7,860.43	\$37,860.43
1970	Fire Truck	\$117,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$130,000.00	\$20,711.25	\$1,539.66	\$0.00	\$22,250.91	\$152,250.91
1967	Highway	\$14,572.76	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$49,572.76	\$36,740.31	\$711.12	\$0.00	\$37,451.43	\$87,024.19
2000	Library/Cap Res.	\$8,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$270.21	\$143.59	\$0.00	\$413.80	\$20,413.80
1982	Police Cruiser	\$16,155.97	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,155.97	\$2,293.79	\$216.56	\$0.00	\$2,510.35	\$22,666.32
1979	School Bldg Site Imp	\$19,100.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$22,100.00	\$5,544.48	\$289.48	\$0.00	\$5,833.96	\$27,933.96
1986	School Block Fund	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$269.49	\$78.14	\$0.00	\$347.63	\$7,347.63
2002	School General Repairs	\$14,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$108.41	\$184.41	\$0.00	\$292.85	\$18,292.85
2002	School Heating Vent.	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$81.35	\$154.42	\$0.00	\$235.77	\$15,235.77

2005 BUDGET  
*Schedule of Town Property  
as of December 31, 2004*

Description	
Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$163,300
Furniture and Equipment	5,000
Library, Land and Building	161,900
Furniture and Equipment	220,000
Fire Department, Lands and Buildings	210,500
Equipment	265,000
Highway Department, Lands and Building	428,800
Equipment	506,000
Materials and Supplies	19,000
Selectmen's Old Office	68,000
New Town Office, Land and Building	127,100
Furniture and Equipment	64,850
Meeting House, Flat, Land and Buildings	226,900
CREA Land and Buildings	190,700
School Land and Buildings	1,464,000
Contents	171,400
All Lands & Buildings acquired through Tax Collector's Deeds, and Other:	
Weld Park	5,000
Hodgdon Lot	5,100
Woodlot on Skyline Drive	36,600
Butman Lot	8,800
Recycling Center	38,200
Cemeteries, Vault Hearse House	59,500
Fire Pond, School Street	2,100
Jackson Road Gravel Pit	9,500
Fire Pond, Town House Road	12,900
Map 6, Lot 102 (.4 acre)	6,200
Map 12, Lot 39 (7 acres)	9,800
Map 7, Lot 86 (3 acres)	15,800
Map 7, Lot 65B (9.1 acres)	21,900
Bridge Parking Lot, Rte 12A	13,600
Town Forest Map 5, Lot 6 (270 acres)	208,100
Siegel Map 6, Lot 89 (36 Acres)	64,400
Map 6, Lot 63 (34 Acres)	155,200
TOTAL	\$4,965,150

**PLODZIK & SANDERSON**  
**193 North Main Street**  
**Concord, NH 03301**

*INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Cornish  
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Cornish, New Hampshire of and for the year ended December 31, 2004. The general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United State States of America. As in the case with many municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Cornish has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Cornish as of December 31, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association

April 30, 2004

**CEMETERY DEPARTMENT**  
**2004**

Once again it was a busy year for us. The rain showers during the spring and summer kept us busying mowing most of the time. Besides the mowing and landscaping, a great amount of time was spent repairing headstones that had fallen in disrepair.

We have spent time filling in, with loam, sunken graves and will continue with this in the summer.

The wooden crypt in Commings Cemetery is in dire need of repair. The floor and sills are gone, and new roof needs to be done to mention a few. It is my hope that we will be able to do some repairs this year.

At this time I would like to remind you of the rules and regulations for the cemeteries.

- You are allowed no more then 2 plants or bushes per site and they should be not be allowed to grown more then 3 feet high.
- All plantings must be kept trimmed and not allowed to grow over the headstone.
- No fences or flower gardens are allowed.

I would like to thank my co-workers, George Abbott and John Rawson, for all of their help and hard work. It is a pleasure to work with you both.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Earle, Sexton



**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE OF HUMAN SERVICES**  
**2004**

The Community Alliance of Human Services would like to thank the Town of Cornish for all of its support throughout the years.

We continue to serve Cornish youth (and adults) through our Sullivan County Court Diversion Program. The Diversion Program allows youth (and adults) to learn from their offense through a contract, which consists of community service, apology letters, research papers, tours of the Correctional Facility, teen groups, and referrals to outside sources.

Our plans include working with local police departments, such as the Cornish Police Department, on a Diversion Phase 2 Program. This program will be geared towards more serious offenses. The program will require participants to have at least one of the following requirements in their contracts: an evaluation through the counseling center, counseling services, community service hours, curfews, drug screenings, and reports from the schools regarding the youth's academic progress and performance.

We continue to offer the STARD (Student Talking About Responsible Decisions) during after school hours. The program focuses on a number of issues that confront adolescents, such as: substance use, conflict resolution, peer pressure, tobacco, self-esteem, and the juvenile justice system.

The Child Health Program, one of our newest programs, works with families on communications skills, parenting strategies, budgeting skills, disciplinary techniques, and answering child development questions that families might have. We work with families to develop and maintain family support systems and enhance and encourage parental coping and nurturing skills.

Our Tobacco Options Program allows agencies to refer youth to complete community service hours or to participate in the Tobacco Program. The youth may also be referred to both perform community service and participate in the Tobacco Options Program. The Tobacco Options Program allows the youth to view videos and to participate within a tobacco curriculum and discussion.

We continue to offer information and assistance through our Resource Center. The Center is available to the public and offers a variety of materials from parenting to tobacco education.

The Children and Youth Services Department would like to thank you again for all of your support and assistance.

Sincerely,  
Gregory W. Vigue  
Youth Services Coordinator

## CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

**2004**

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions have considered issues as wide-ranging as the future of hydro dam ownership and status of boating law enforcement on the river to economic development initiatives in the valley. Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, the CRJC are advisory and have no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region.

In 2004, the Commissions stimulated a water quality assessment of the entire 275 miles of river shared by New Hampshire and Vermont. The NH Department of Environmental Services and the Environmental Protection Agency led the study to bring reliable information to those using the river and planning for its future. CRJC also sponsored a major study of the river's behavior in the north country, to better understand the reasons for erosion and how the river moves through its valley.

With the support of the four US Senators from NH and VT, the Commissions were able to provide \$85,000 in Partnership Program grants for locally-inspired projects, including natural resources inventories for the Waits River headwaters, several recreation and river access projects, a stream study of the Stevens River, and farmland conservation in Claremont.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard natural, agricultural, and historic assets of the valley, and are working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through visitor centers in ten "waypoint communities" along the Connecticut River Byway. This year we won a federal grant to provide signage for each of them, and created a video about the river valley, "Welcome to the Heart of New England." CRJC provides coordination for the Byway effort. Visit the Byway at [www.ctrivetravel.net](http://www.ctrivetravel.net).

We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of each month. Visit our web site at [www.crjc.org](http://www.crjc.org) for a calendar of meetings, useful information and links, and our newsletter, *River Valley News*.

Cheston Newbold  
Connecticut River Commissioner

**CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOME CARE**  
**2004**

It has been our privilege to provide skilled and professional care to 21 residents of Cornish from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004.

During the course of that care, our nurses made 157 trips into Cornish. Our Licensed Nurses' Aides made 97 visits, our Therapists were there 67 times and our Homemakers were able to provide 88 hours of service. One Cornish resident attended our Day Out Program 224 days throughout the year.

Last year, with the appropriation from the Town of Cornish, we were able to continue with below cost and/or non-reimbursed services for which we are grateful.

We hope to continue quality care to all that need it.

Respectfully,

Micky Blair

## **Conservation Commission 2004 Report**

Awareness regarding the conservation of our natural resources is an ongoing need to maintain the rural character of Cornish. The 2004 Conservation Award was presented to Roz Seidel and her fourth grade class for developing a "Valley Quest" which highlights environmental aspects of Cornish. The quest is for any individual or group to follow the clues, which lead from one discovery to another and learn many interesting things about the town. Education at all levels is the key to understanding the importance of conservation. Toward this goal the Commission has helped sponsor River Day and the ELF programs in the Cornish School.

The Cornish Recreation and Education Area, CREA, continues to be a vital asset to the town with many activities throughout the year providing educational, athletic, and recreational opportunities. A dedicated group spent a weekend installing baffles in the beaver dams to help regulate the water levels and thus the balance in the area use. The barn committee is making great strides toward making the barn a sound structure and it will soon be available for continued use.

The Commission is concerned with the use of herbicides as a method of vegetative control along electrical transmission lines through Cornish. In November we sponsored an open meeting with National Grid, owner and operator of power line W 149, which travels north to south just east of Dingleton Hill and Root Hill roads, regarding their methods and practices. Property owners, through which the power line easement runs and other townspeople expressed their concerns regarding the toxicity of the chemicals and application methods. National Grid has agreed to work with the town to develop a plan which will be in the best interest of the Town. Future meetings will be scheduled for further discussion.

The hydrological study conducted by KUA students and coordinated by Leo Maslan regarding water resources in the Flat submitted a report at the end of the school year with a final report including additional mapping to be submitted in the early spring.

The Commission continues to work with the Upper Valley Land Trust, the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests and LCIP in Conservation Easement projects and monitoring.

Involvement with the Department of Environmental Services, DES, continues with the reviewing and monitoring Dredge and Fill applications.

Don Snowden, Chair	Gabe Zoerheide
Rickey Poor, Vice Chair	Mariet Jaarsma
Betty Miller, Secretary	Nancy Newbold
Bill Gallagher, Selectman	Loel Callahan
Mike Yatsevitch	Jesse Tyler
Mary Beth Heiskel	



## **CORNISH RECREATION/EDUCATION AREA BARN COMMITTEE**

### **2004**

The Barn Committee continues to work toward restoring the Elmhurst Barn on the CREA property for the many potential uses it offers while preserving a central part of the rural character of Cornish. This past year we have had many new volunteers added to our list of supporters for our various activities on behalf of the barn.

A technical group has been established to advise our committee on the appropriate construction methods and sequence to best follow in the barn's restoration. The group presently has Keith Beardslee, John Ferland, Wayne Gray, Leo Maslan, Steve Peters, Rich Thompson, Steve Wilkie, George Edson and Don Snowden on its roster and would welcome any others wishing to assist in this function. The committee met on a Saturday morning in early fall to closely survey the barn's condition and recommended phase one as installation of some additional supports, cabling and tension rods for additional stabilization in preparation for more extensive work. This is planned for the first quarter of 2005 by a hired contractor with volunteer assistance.

At Town Meeting we were pleased to include in our display a quilt donated by Colleen O'Neill for raffling in the spring. Tickets were on sale, along with our note cards with the blockprint of the Elmhurst Barn by Nancy Wightman. A variety of information about the barn was available, as well as materials about New England barns, in general, and "their disappearance from the landscape".

Our first event of the spring was a fundraiser Square Dance in May at the Town Hall with music provided by the popular band Country Express. Our sincere appreciation to Don MacLeay for bringing the group to us and for contributing his time and talent. The drawing of the winning ticket for the "pinwheel" quilt took place mid-evening. It was a successful and fun night for everyone!

Again this year more logs were donated by Reyer Jaarsma and cut to size by Jim Fitch, then stacked next to the barn in early summer. Barn cleanup followed in late June thanks to Don, Laird, and Bill our Committee's "barn caretakers". Hay was cut and baled in the fields by Linda Rice who donated some bales for the upcoming Barn Day,

Barn Day on July 3rd was a sunny and wonderful afternoon – just right for horse and wagon rides through the far meadow with its freshly mowed hay. Bob Simons of Claremont volunteered his time and huge Belgian horses throughout the afternoon. The rides were greatly enjoyed by everyone and, also, provided an opportunity for all to appreciate the distance over the rolling terrain to the woods beyond.

A highlight of the day was a performance by guitarist and singer Davey Davis and friends who delighted everyone inside the barn with their musical talents and songs, many of which were their own compositions. We are grateful for their voluntary appearance.

Displayed inside the barn was Scout Leader Larry Duval's attractive display of green forest and regional wildlife which was appreciated by young and old. Additionally, by the front entrance was an impressive painting of a barn silo, a contribution from Linda Hammond, which we can use to show our progress in fundraising. We are most grateful for her effort and the beautiful results. Its permanent home shall be in the barn except when being on display at various functions.

Meanwhile, outside the barn, Carla Skinder and Jon Woodhull arrived in stunning fashion, each driving a large-wheeled buggy pulled by a handsome and festively attired horse. What a pretty sight. Another "returnee" was Crimson, the Gallagher's Devon heifer, now over a year old, accompanied by Gwyn and Heather. Danielle and Wade Neily's three adorable ponies were a welcome addition and enjoyed munching the leftover hay.

We appreciated Henry Homeyer's demonstration of "How to Make a Scarecrow" later in the afternoon. That was a special treat. Also, Sue and Jim Fitch thoughtfully brought two kayaks which were available for anyone wanting to paddle around the CREA waterways. We appreciate their continued support in so many ways. The Boy Scout outdoor camping exhibit (which includes baking in the ground) is always welcome. Thanks to Bob Demars and Jon Bailey and the boys. We extend our thanks to all who participated in or attended Barn Day. Next year's date may be changed from 4<sup>th</sup> of July time since many people are away. We welcome your suggestions. Just call any of the committee listed below.

At our Dance/Concert in October Davey Davis again played for us with a larger group of musicians under the name of Brown Trout and the Lunkers. This was Davey's first return visit to the Town Hall in twenty years and the talented group was in excellent form. Over 100 people danced to the varied rhythms and had a great time. Refreshments were provided by George Edson and Colleen O'Neill.

We are always looking for new and interested people and work volunteers. Donations are always welcome to the CREA Barn Fund, %Cornish Town Offices, 488 Town House Rd., Cornish, NH 03745.

Respectfully submitted,  
The CREA Barn Committee

George Edson  
Bill Gallagher  
Laird Klinger

Colleen O'Neill  
Don Snowden  
Marie Stevens

## **CORNISH FAIR ASSOCIATION**

The Cornish Fair Association had a busy year. We would like to thank everyone who helps make the Fair a success. We celebrated our 55<sup>TH</sup> annual Fair. Although our gate was down due to a rainy Saturday it didn't dampen the spirit and we were able to celebrate with a parade and fireworks on Saturday night. The Fair awarded two Scholarships this year to two graduated Cornish Students.

We were able to make a donation to help renovate the Kitchen in the Town Hall and also help with the reconnection of electric power to the Little Town Hall along with the construction of the steps and landing.

Progress continues on the Blacksmith Shop with the post and beam frame being erected. We can not forget the wonderful donation of the Edson Barn and the out pouring of donations from local businesses and volunteers who helped with the monumental task of site preparation, disassembling, moving, and reassembling of the barn on the fairgrounds. Our heart felt thanks to every one involved.

We look forward to serving the community, affording the many non-profit organizations the opportunity to earn funds, foster the spirit of competition, displays and demonstrations and to keep agriculture alive and well in our community. Volunteers are always welcome

The Cornish Fair Association

## **CORNISH FIRE AUXILIARY**

### **2004**

The Cornish Fire Auxiliary Officers for 2004-2005 include: President: Paula Harthan, Vice-President: Judy Rook, Treasurer: Jackie Thayer, Secretary: Lois Fitts. On behalf of the other officers and myself, I would like to thank all of our dedicated members. Without their help this organization would not be able to provide the services that it does throughout the year.

Every Tuesday night at 6:30 the Cornish Fire Association hosts Bingo at the Town Hall. As a fundraiser, the Auxiliary provides refreshments to the people who attend. I would like to thank them for their patronage.

In the spring, the Auxiliary sponsors a Rabies Clinic. It is held at the Cornish Flat Fire Station. All cats and dogs are welcome.

In November we host a Holiday Bazaar. Local artists and crafters come to display their handcrafted items. The group also sews a quilt to be raffled at the Bazaar. This year's quilt was a patriotic theme. A stained glass Bald Eagle was also raffled this year.

The Cornish Fire Auxiliary also provides refreshments to the Fire Department when needed at fire calls. We are called out night or day on short notice to bring them drinks and food. We are among the few groups in this area that provide this service to the Fire Department.

This year we have about 12 active members and 2 Junior Auxiliary members. Meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month with the annual meeting held in September. We welcome volunteers that would like to be a part of our organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harthan  
President



## **CORNISH FIRE DEPARTMENT**

### **2004**

2004 was a fairly quiet year for the Cornish Fire Department with only one major fire which was the barn fire on Route 12A.

To say that Cornish has a good fire department is not true. Cornish has a great fire department.

This last year the members wrote and were awarded a grant for \$105,000.00 to replace turnout gear and air packs. This meant that we could reduce our budget by about 15%. We also applied and received a grant from DSA/Tum for emergency equipment. On top of all that the department has saved up over \$130,000.00 towards the price of a new station in the Flat.

The Cornish Fire Department is a top notch organization to belong to and I am extremely pleased they allow me to be their chief.

We are looking for new members. If you are interested, come to a meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. E-1 Station or give me a call anytime at 469-3476.

Nate Cass  
Chief CFD



Santa Bob

*Photo by Nate Cass*

## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2004

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the opening burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of forests and Lands (603)271-2217, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for servicess, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with small Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

### ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE

#### 2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)

<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>	<u>Causes of Fires Reported</u>	
2004 462	147	Arson	15
2003 374	100	Campfire	41
2002 540	187	Children	12
2001 942	428	Smoking	19
		Debris	201
		Railroad	1
		Merrimack	104
		Equipment	5
		Misc.*	163

(\*Misc: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc).

## GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND SENIOR RESOURCES 2004

Each municipality in New Hampshire is required to adopt guidelines for the administration of its public assistance program. However, over the years this department has served not only those in need of economic support, but, increasingly, as a coordinator of local resources, especially for senior Cornish residents. Therefore, this year we have added "Senior Resources" to our Department of General Assistance in order to address the special needs of our elder residents. We have also added Anne Hier to our volunteer committee of Overseer. Anne served on the Planning Board for 15 years, and has a special interest in elder services.

The following programs are available to residents over 60 and to those with special needs.

**Cornish Senior Luncheon:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month (except in December) at 12 noon at the Masonic Hall in Cornish Flat. The luncheon provides an opportunity to experience old-fashioned home cooking at its best and to share a meal with friends.

**Neighbor to Neighbor:** If you need help with a small chore such as changing a battery on a smoke detector or planting a few tomatoes, this groups of service-minded Cornish men can help. Anyone in need or wishing to volunteer can call Jim Fitch (675-9391), Henry Homeyer (543-1307) or Connie Kousman (542-7107).

Other services and resources are available through state and community agencies and organizations. Please let us know if you have a need or concern.

We would like to extend our thanks for state, county and regional services that have assisted Cornish residents, and to individuals here in town who have supported our program.

Special thanks also to the Millar Fund, Cheston and Nancy Newbold, Michael and Claudia Yatsevitch, Jim Atkinson, and Larry Dingee for their generous support of the Cornish Senior Luncheon program; to Cheshire Lodge #23 for allowing us to use their building (including heat) without charge; to the Claire Murray Studio for donating a rug to be raffled for the benefit of the Senior Resource Program; and to Mary Gilmore, who manages the store at the Power house Mall, for initiating and organizing this event.

Connie Kousman  
Judith Kaufman  
Martha Zoerheide  
Anne Hier

**CORNISH HEALTH DEPARTMENT**  
**2004**

Fellow Residents of Cornish,

I am honored to now be your Town Health Officer. Newly appointed to this position, I have relied heavily on the experience and expertise of my predecessors. Virginia Prince, Jenny Schad, and Ginny Wood have been invaluable in making my transition to the position smooth. I thank them and look forward to ongoing collaboration.

So far, during my brief tenure as Health Officer, I have dealt with several issues. These include septic system complaints, potential water contamination, a condemned structure, and health inspections at the Cornish Fair. At the Fair, I had the pleasure of working with New Hampshire State Food Safety and Water Safety officials.

I have attended several meetings of local and regional health officers and have also attended New Hampshire State sponsored health officer meetings. As I am finding out, there is much to learn about public health regulations, policies and procedures.

At this juncture, I would like to remind townspeople that my position as health officer is part time. I will endeavor to answer and investigate issues, questions, and complaints in as timely a manner as possible.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve in the capacity as Cornish Health Officer and look forward to your cooperation in health and safety related matters.

Respectfully submitted,

H.Jeffrey Katchen



**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**  
**2004**

It has been a relatively mild winter this year. No major breakdowns to report.

Spring saw the usual mud season which did not seem to be as troublesome as in previous years which allowed us to put up 3,500 yards of winter sand.

In July, we crushed 5,000 yards of gravel. We chip sealed Perkins Hill Road and Lower East Road, as well as paved 1.7 miles of Jackson Road. We replaced several culverts in many locations throughout the town. We replaced guard rails in Mill Village, cut brush and completed the roadside mowing by the end of the summer.

Fall came with the crew scraping, cutting more brush, cleaning ditches in preparation for the winter to come.

The Town purchased a new dump truck, 2005 Sterling L 7500 which is currently in Concord at Sleeper, Inc. awaiting equipment.

Thank you to the Highway department crew for a year of hard work.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Spaulding  
Road Agent

**CORNISH HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
**2004**

We keep postponing the official grand opening of the rehabilitated former Selectmen's Office on School Street. This does not mean, however, that we are faltering in our efforts. This year hard work has resulted in completing a number of projects: we have protected the windows by adding a film over them to screen out ultraviolet rays that would be harmful to the display of our collection; had curtains made for the windows; refinished and installed two exhibition counters for the back room; had a display table made and refurbished a mapcase for the middle room so that people can have easy access to material they might want to use in the old vault; put down several rugs in the back two rooms; and, finally, refinished an old library table to be used as the main desk for the front room. We believe that the remaining tasks can be accomplished readily and we feel confident that we can announce an official opening at an Open House this spring. We are still dependent on the community, however, for its continuing generosity to fund fully a proper fire and theft system.

Another of our accomplishments this year was seeing to it, thanks to the help from the Town, that the original town history by William H. Child was reprinted. It is now available to town citizens for \$25.00.

Our focus for the meetings this year was local. In April Diane and Jim Liggett discussed "Cornish and Early Powder Horns." As a result, we had a better context for understanding the powder horn in our collection. It belonged to Lebbeus H. Chase, who was born in 1779 and died in 1865 "in the same house in which he was born." He was a colonel in the 15th Regiment of the New Hampshire militia and "a man of courteous bearing and much respected." In May B. J. Dunn brought us up-to-date about progress at the Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site and offered some suggestions about how the citizens of Cornish could become more involved with the Site. In June Bill Noble, Director of Preservation Projects for the Garden Conservancy, gave a slide presentation about many of the gardens of the Cornish Colony. After a break for the summer, we returned in September and October to hear Dale and Judy Rook present their "Illustrated Cornish History." They showed slides of the pictures they have taken of familiar--and many unfamiliar--places with a distinct link to the past. They have now published them in their book, "Photo Tour Around Cornish, N. H. At The Start of the 21st Century." Hope you have your copy.

We have three meetings scheduled for 2005. In April we will show a videotape of "Saint-Gaudens and the 'Masque of the Golden Bowl'." Several residents who participated in the re-enactment will recall their experiences. The following month Edie Clark, who worked at *Yankee Magazine* for twenty-four years as a Senior Editor, Senior Writer, and Fiction Editor, will lead a discussion, sponsored by the New Hampshire Humanities Council, about "New England: Myth or Reality." And in June Henry Homeyer will lead a general discussion of plants; we will have a chance to trade some of our favorites for someone else's.

We should again like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all those who participated in our bake sales on Memorial Day and over the Columbus Day weekend. Thanks to you we were able to fulfill our self-imposed contribution to the Town so that it can pay the increased Fire insurance premium on our covered bridges as well as to benefit our Restoration Fund.

Our meetings (held the second Monday of April, May, June, September, and October at the Meetinghouse in Cornish Flat) are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Furthermore, the Society welcomes new members who share our interest in the town's past.

Jim Atkinson, President

Dale Rook, Vice President

Beth Lum, Corresponding Secretary

Judy Rook, Secretary

Hannah Schad, Treasurer

## HOUSE SITE ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

At last year's Town Meeting, Kay Wegner made a motion to form a committee to consider and implement a proposal to the Planning/Zoning Board (whichever is appropriate) to allow all Cornish resident/homeowners to apply the house site perimeters as allowed by Current Use property owners. The motion was seconded by Gary Wegner. There was a hand vote taken with 32 Yes and 27 No.

### Study:

The committee met four times between March 9 and August 30, 2004. Among other things, the committee discussed the overall confusion of taxpayers by a system that is unnecessarily complex and probably inequitable. Tax cards should be easy to read and should be mailed to all taxpayers after each new assessment or evaluation. The Selectmen should hold public information meetings to generate a greater understanding of the process. The committee also discussed adjusting Cornish property tax assessment cards to allow for all town properties (with the exception of parcels under one acre) to have the first one acre considered as their house-site for assessment purposes only. This would not change any zoning requirements.

### Finding:

The issue reviewed by the committee is an assessing issue and not a zoning issue. Property tax assessing standards are governed by the State and administered by the Selectmen. Any formal or informal proposal to change standards should be presented to the Selectmen of the Town of Cornish. Any decision by the Selectmen to alter current assessing standards must conform to State statutes. Individual taxpayers who have concerns should be encouraged to contact the Selectmen. All taxpayers should familiarize themselves with their property tax cards.

Respectfully submitted,

Merilynn Bourne



## GEORGE H. STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

### 2004

2004 was an active year for the George H. Stowell Free Library. A Preschool Story Hour began in the Spring. It meets the last Wednesday of each month, from 9:30-10:30 AM. Many enthusiastic children and their caregivers enjoyed this monthly event. Thanks to Heidi Jaarsma, Angie Follensbee-Hall, Nancy Thornton, Rachel Roper, Karen Woodbury and Jen Wishnefsky for organizing and leading a story hour this past year. Volunteers are needed for 2005. If interested, please sign up at the library. Even though there was plenty of advance notice in the School Newsletter and "Consider This" for the Summer Reading Program, very few children participated. Hopefully there will be more involvement in 2005. The Book Discussion Group for adults continues to be popular. Meetings occur the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:00 PM. Multiple copies of each book are available a month in advance, as well as booklists for 2005.

Vermont Earth Institute lent its "Simple Living Library" to the Stowell Library during the months of December 2004 and January 2005. There were 15 books and two videos available for circulation in the collection. If there is interest, VEI is willing to offer its Voluntary Simplicity Community Discussion Course at the Stowell Library as a follow-up to the collection as well as a talk on "Simple Living Yesterday and Today".

The library is lucky to have so many dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Debbie Stone, Karen Woodbury, Leigh and Loel Callahan, Sue Gagne, Kate Freeland, Richard Scheuer, Lorraine Brasseur, Ilsa Pinkson-Burke and Nancy Wightman for taking on monthly shifts. A special thank you to Ginny Gage for doing two shifts and for her help with weeding and processing donated materials. In addition to her monthly slot, Bette Blackington has taken on the tedious task of keeping the N.H. State Library data base abreast of our new holdings. Judith Kaufman, another regular volunteer, also helped to identify and do research on older books. Many thanks to Frank Ackerman for emptying the basement of books and transporting them, with the help of Lyle and Kathi Patterson, to the Five College Book Sale last May. Thanks to Cheston and Nancy Newbold for continuing to donate audio books. The collection is growing. And finally, a big thank you to Kathi Patterson, Bernice Johnson and Pam Gendron, our library trustees.

During 2004, there was a substantial increase in the number of books borrowed through the state inter-library loan system. 264 books were borrowed from libraries throughout the state, and Cornish loaned 51 books from its collection.

Thanks again to all who donated time, money and materials to the library this year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Emily Cromwell, Librarian

LIBRARY BUDGET REPORT  
2004

<b>INCOME (ACTUAL)</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Beginning Balance	1,168.25	1,484.55	-316.30
Trust Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Town	10,950.00	10,488.00	462.00
Interest	9.57	7.73	1.84
Book Fines	162.81	318.67	-155.86
Book sale	73.00	94.85	-21.85
Donations	625.00	520.00	105.00
Savings Transfers	0.00	599.00	-599.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>14,488.63</b>	<b>15,012.80</b>	<b>-524.17</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>	<b>12,629.11</b>	<b>13,844.55</b>	<b>-1,215.44</b>
Balance December 31	1,859.52	1,168.25	691.27

<b>INCOME (ESTIMATED)</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
Beginning Balance	1,859.52	1,168.25	691.27
Trust Funds	1,500.00	1,500.00	0
Requested Town Funds	10,210.94	10,897.21	-686.27
Interest	10	15	-5
Book sales, fines, donations	350	350	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>13,930.46</b>	<b>13,930.46</b>	<b>0</b>
Budgeted Expenses	13,930.46	13,930.46	0

<b>APPROPRIATION FROM THE TOWN</b>	<b>10,210.40</b>	<b>10,950.00</b>	<b>-739.06</b>
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Librarian's salary: \$9.82/hr	10 hrs/wk
Janitor's salary: \$9.10	5.75 hrs/month

## **Meetinghouse Report 2004**

The Meetinghouse continued its long history of providing a home for the Cornish Historical Society's meetings and a place for the Farmer's Market to congregate. The Historical Society uses the downstairs meeting area during the Fall and Spring while the Farmer's Market uses the outside Common during the warm spring and summer months while using the interior during the colder months of November and December. The Memorial Day Service continues to be celebrated on the Meetinghouse lawn every May.

We thank all volunteers who help support the maintenance of this magnificent building.

Caroline Storrs, Chairperson  
Susan Chandler, Secretary  
George Edson, Treasurer  
Orville Fitch  
Jim Smith, Clockwinder

## MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE 2004

This year the Mt. Ascutney River Subcommittee updated the Recreation chapter of our *Connecticut River Management Plan*, taking a close look at river access, riverfront recreational development, scenic views, and more. We helped stimulate a state study of water quality in the Connecticut River after discovering gaps in information on the safety of the river for swimming, fishing, and boating.

The Subcommittee continues to carry out our legal obligation to provide information and assistance to the states, towns and local landowners on project near the river, including advice to the State of New Hampshire on riverbank projects, and advising landowners on dock proposals. We have also work with US Gen New England toward better communication with river users about water levels.

We encourage all towns in our region to review our current *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan*, and to incorporate its recommendations as they update town plans and revise their zoning ordinances, particularly for shoreland protection. Heavy rains can send sediment from land clearing and removal of riverside vegetation into tributaries, demonstrating the critical importance of giving rivers and streams enough room. All river front landowners should be aware that the statewide Shoreland Protection Act applies to the Connecticut River. Contact the town office for more information.

There is currently a vacancy in Cornish's representation on the Subcommittee. Citizens interested in representing the town should contact the Selectboard. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome to participate in our meetings, on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at Windsor House. More information including a calendar, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work in or near the river, and a summary of the *Connecticut River Corridor Management Plan* is on the web at [www.crjc.org/localaction.htm](http://www.crjc.org/localaction.htm).

Susan Fitch  
Cornish Representative



# cornish planning board



## 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, in 2004 the Cornish Planning Board held eight hearings on various actions. Seven were approved; one was given a conditional approval. All meetings and hearings are open, and the public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Planning Board has contracted with the Upper Valley Regional Planning Council to write a Community Profile for the Master Plan. This section will replace the first two chapters in the current Master Plan. Concurrently, the Board will be updating the subsequent chapters. The Community Profile is scheduled to be completed in June.

### 2004 ACTIONS

#### Annexation

Richard & Rhonda Baril	Dingleton Hill Road	<i>approved</i>
Helen Lovell	Root Hill Road	<i>approved</i>
New Branch Properties	East Road	<i>approved</i>

#### Lot Line Adjustment

Donald & Mary St. Germain	Sunset Strip Road	<i>approved</i>
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#### Merger

Andrew N. Schuele, III	St. Gaudens Road	<i>approved</i>
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#### Site Plan Review

Jeff Lamoureux, Straightaway Auto	NH Route 120	<i>conditional approval approved 1/20/05</i>
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#### Subdivision – Major

John Rab	Tandy Brook Road	<i>approved</i>
Andrew N. Schuele, III	St. Gaudens Road	<i>approved</i>

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### 2004 Members

Peter Storrs, Chair	Gail Pillsbury
John Hammond, Vice Chair	Larry Dingee, Selectman
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary	Gwyn Gallagher, Alternate
Connie Kousman	Bill Lipfert, Alternate
Cheston Newbold	Troy Simino, Alternate

## **POLICE DEPARTMENT 2004**

The year 2004 saw the Cornish Police Department handle 766 complaints, 3 less than in 2003. We are very happy to see a steady decrease in our Motor Vehicle Accidents. This year we had a 14% decrease over 2003. There was an 18% decrease in 2003. We feel that this is in part due to increased motor vehicle patrol, both by the Cornish PD and the New Hampshire State Police.

The Cornish Police Department again received a Homeland Security Grant, this time in the amount of \$4,000.00. This will help equip our police station to be used during an emergency situation as a command center. This money will help install a base radio, fax/copier/printer, telephone system, alarm system, and computer network in our office.

Speaking of our office! We have been diligently working on the new addition to the Cornish Fire Station on Town House Road. We broke ground in July, and hope to have the finishing touches in place around the 2005 Town Meeting Day! We all feel it has taken forever to get this done, but, like someone told me the other day, "Good things come to those that wait!" The Cornish Police Department would like to thank everyone that made our new building possible. First, to the person who came out of this transaction with nothing at all, Peter Burling. We truly thank you! To Clark Rockefeller who helped orchestrate the dramatic 2004 Town Meeting, and the sale of the Trinity Church, again Thank you! To the Townspeople and the Board of Selectmen, your support has been very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank our very patient, previous landlord, the Cornish Fire Department. We started parking our cruiser in front of the fire truck in 1999. I know they never thought it would move, but it will! Thanks for your patience, and understanding.

Lastly, to the families of all of the Cornish Police Officers. We appreciate your understanding every time we jump up from the dinner table, or leave our kids with a half read book. I want everyone in our town to realize that almost 500 times in the last year; our lives have been put on hold to answer a call from a fellow resident. We do this because we enjoy it and we are proud to serve.

And lastly, we want to encourage everyone who has a complaint to call our dispatch center directly, at 543-0353. The fastest, most efficient way to reach a Cornish officer is to call dispatch. They will find a Cornish Officer or a NH State Trooper for you.

Please continue to report suspicious activity in your areas. You never know when you might hold the key to a case we are working on.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Douglas Hackett  
Officer Crystal Simonds

Officer Corey J. Stevens  
Officer Paul J. Roberts

## **REPORT FROM SENATOR BURLING**

Several weeks ago, the new Governor of the State of New Hampshire delivered his Inaugural Address to an excited Statehouse crowd. As many have reported, the speech struck all the right notes: Cooperation, Bipartisanship, Ethical Conduct, and Truthfulness. And of course there was the note that moved me the most: commitment to the interests of the people. It was a great moment for all of us who are, or yearn to be optimists.

We have such a great opportunity before us. We can do good things about school funding, if we have the courage to turn away from the dead-end street we have started down. We can repeal the statewide property tax, and lower the overall tax burden, if we insist on learning the truth about the consequences of our actions.

There are some truths we must acknowledge right up front. There is a deficit standing in our way for the next biennium that is simply huge. The number varies depending on what projected growth rate one wants to use, but I think three hundred million dollars is a reasonable guess. More than half of this sum will be caused by the withdrawal of Federal dollars for New Hampshire's health and human services. This will be a direct consequence of decisions made in Washington. There is also a deficit for this fiscal year, a deficit covered over by an accounting mechanism of some disrepute.

After years of cuts to the state budget by Republican legislatures, there are few if any cuts we can make to state government without eliminating whole groups of state services. And cuts that may be made can reduce revenue, or increase local property tax burdens. So I believe we must proceed with our eyes open to reality rather than dogma. It won't be easy.

But easy or not, we need to move forward. We need to solve the school funding issue for once and for all, and we need to repeal the statewide property tax. I look forward to working on these issues, and helping my constituents to the best of my ability.

Senator Peter Hoe Burling

## RECORDS PRESERVATION

THANK YOU CORNISH RESIDENTS FOR YOUR YEARLY SUPPORT FOR THE IMPORTANT TASK OF PRESERVING OUR OLD RECORDS. THE LAST BOOK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE WILL BE COMPLETED THIS YEAR.

WHEN YOU STOP BY MY OFFICE FOR OTHER BUSINESS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO ASK TO SEE WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS HAVE BEEN SPENT. THE BOOKS LOOK BEAUTIFUL AND ARE NOW PRESERVED.

IN THE FUTURE THERE MAY BE SMALL AMOUNTS NECESSARY FOR STATE RECOMMENED MICRO FILMING AND THE BINDING OF THE ANNUAL TOWN REPORT BOOKS WHICH IS DONE EVERY FIVE YEARS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

TEENIE ROCK  
REIGH SWEETSER, TOWN CLERK



## **CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD**

### **2004**

Last year, 2004, the Cornish Rescue Squad celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Many things have changed in emergency medicine since the first members took their basic instruction in 1974. Today in many areas, especially areas away from major cities, volunteer services have trouble attracting and retaining staff, raising funds, and maintaining skills. For the first time in recent years, we lost more members than we added, but are still well staffed to meet our call volume.

At our January meeting the Squad voted to purchase a new Rescue Truck to replace our 1986 chassis. Thanks to generous contributions to our annual fund drive we were able to do this without borrowing. Our new truck should be in service by the time you read this. The truck is has a lot more lighting power than our old truck, and has an extended cab to provide additional crew space and controlled storage space for items used by our EMT-Intermediates and Paramedics.

Call volume for 2004 was a bit lower than in 2003. Our call volume continues to be split fairly evenly between house calls and accidents, with fewer auto accidents than in past years, but more accidents of other kinds. We continue to work well with our ambulance services, provided by the Windsor and Lebanon Fire Departments and Golden Cross ambulance, as well as with the Plainfield, Meriden and Cornish Fire Departments and those of neighboring towns.

The support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching.

My second year as President has been a very satisfying one for me. A special pleasure for me has been working with the officers and Trustees – vice President Deb Foltyn, Treasurer Fred Schad, Secretary Chantelle Orlen and Trustees Jenny Schad, Steve Jameson and Dale O' Connor.

The shift by all agencies to 911 dispatching over the last few years has not always made our jobs easier. While it is now easier to find the general neighborhood of a call, finding the actual house is sometimes still a problem. Making street numbers visible from the road in both directions, and placing them where they will not be obscured by snow, goes a long way to helping us and other agencies find you when you call for help.

If you have special health concerns at your house, please contact us at 675-2221. We will review your needs and develop a plan with you.

Sincerely,  
Rob Drye, President

## SAINT GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

### 2004

In late August 2004 the park hosted our second annual free open house for the residents of Cornish. This year it was co-sponsored by the Cornish Elementary School, the Cornish PTO, the Cornish Historical Society, and the Friends of Saint-Gaudens. The PTO and the Friends provided watermelon and cake and the Historical Society had the newly reprinted Cornish Town History for sale. It was a wonderful evening and we look forward to hosting the event again next year. We hope you can make it.

The park entrance fee remains at \$5 per person (ages 16 and over). If you arrive after 4 p.m. there is no charge and the buildings remain open until 4:30 p.m., grounds until dusk. If you are a frequent visitor to the park you may want to consider buying an annual park pass for \$25. This is good for one year from the date of purchase and allows the cardholder and guests in same passenger car free entrance. Another way to obtain an annual park pass is to become a member of the Friends of Saint-Gaudens. Included with membership (starting at \$35), is the above pass and the knowledge that you are helping their efforts to support the park. Proceeds from entrance fees are used for seasonal ranger salaries and certain park preservation projects.

In 2004, the park received 30,800 visitors, 8,027 whom participated in ranger led tours and 2,660 attended the concerts as sponsored by the Trustees of the Saint-Gaudens Memorial. These numbers are about the same as observed in 2003. The 2004 operating budget for the park was \$947,700.

A large contract was awarded for preservation work at the Little Studio that includes replacement of three flat roofs, repairs to the large, north window skylight, replace failing stucco and repair and repainting of the Pergola arbor and columns. This project was started in the fall and will be completed in spring 2005.

A major preservation project is funded for Aspet. An upgraded fire detection & suppression system will be installed, including a new fire panel to serve all park structures. The new suppression system for Aspet will replace the environmentally hazardous halon system that now exists in the attic and basement. It is anticipated (subject to change) that actual installation work in Aspet will begin just after fall foliage season in October 2005. The house will then be closed until the project is completed.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Cornish Police and Fire Departments. They are faithful in their dedication in response to park alarms. The park has made updating its fire and security systems a top priority as money becomes available. This will hopefully significantly reduce the number of false alarms that require response. The Fire Department did respond to a small brush fire in the woods above the Blow-Me-Down Mill this past fall. The Rescue Squad also provided coverage during the Sunday afternoon concerts for which we are also grateful.

The traveling Saint-Gaudens exhibit continues to be a large success. The exhibit is sponsored by the Trust for Museum Exhibitions along with the park and is traveling to twelve museums from 2003 to 2005. In this last year of the traveling exhibit it will go to the Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton, Massachusetts, the Wichita Art Museum, Wichita, Kansas, the Center for the Arts, Vero Beach Florida and the Munson-Williams-Proctor Museum of Art in Utica, New York.

Approximately 70 objects from the park's collections are traveling with this exhibit and thousands of individuals who have never traveled to the site in Cornish are having the opportunity to see Saint-Gaudens works first-hand at a museum close to their own home.

The park continues to seek volunteers for many types of activities. In 2004, our Gardener James Haaf launched a very successful volunteer flower arranger program – you may have noticed an increase in the number of floral arrangements throughout the galleries. In 2005, we will again be looking for tour/docent volunteers, flower arrangers, curatorial projects, volunteers to assist with Sunday afternoon concerts, gardeners, someone to walk Saint-Gaudens road to the Blow-Me-Down Mill once a week to pick up roadside litter, etc. Volunteers play an increasingly important role for us in this age of tight operational budgets. Please call or stop by if interested.

I ask anyone with questions or concerns, suggestions or ideas about the park please contact me at 675-2175 x143 or by email at [BJ\\_Dunn@nps.gov](mailto:BJ_Dunn@nps.gov).

Respectfully submitted,  
BJ Dunn, Superintendent

**SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES  
2004**

Dear Residents of Cornish,

Southwestern Community Services would like to thank the residents of Cornish for your continued support of our efforts to serve the needs of our local communities.

During the past year we have delivered a variety of direct services to 148 citizens of Town of Cornish. The value of these services totaled \$ 38,167.

These were comprised of Head Start, Women Infants & Children (WIC), Fuel Assistance, Weatherization, Eldercare, and The Commodity Food Program.

It is due to the local support which we receive that we are able to conduct the outreach necessary to deliver these services. SCS welcomes any comments or inquiries and invites you to call and schedule a visit to our offices to learn more about what we are all about.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
David W. Osgood, Deputy Director  
Southwestern Community Services, Inc.



## SPIRIT COMMITTEE 2004

The Spirit Committee with the help of a dedicated group of loyal volunteers scraped and painted the exterior of the Little Town Hall. We had to wait for the foundation work to be completed and then fighting a nest of bees and rain we were able to get the building looking almost new for the Cornish Fair. We will put another coat of paint on in the spring of 2005.

Once again, Esersky's Hardware helped with the paint, American Brush supplied the brushes, and the Cornish Store kept us awake with coffee, donuts and sandwiches at lunch. We are always grateful to Bernice Johnson and her homemade donuts.

This year we have gone to the Selectmen with our concerns about the exterior of the Town Hall. Since 1988 when the Committee was first organized we have painted the building three times. It is now beyond anything our group of volunteers can accomplish. We feel it is a problem that now needs to be addressed.

If you would like to join us on our next project or have questions please contact Nancy Newbold, 675-2394 or Dale O'Connor at 675-5891.



Spirit Committee hard at work

*Photo by Nancy Newbold*

## **SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE 2004 REPORT**

Sullivan County Hospice has been existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12 member Board of Directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our mission is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of the individuals we serve are home hospice patients, who have decided to remain at home under the care of their families. It is in this setting that we provide most of our services. However, we have the flexibility to follow and serve our patients and their families in a hospital or nursing home setting, as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, the grieving process, active listening and universal precautions. A few of the ways our volunteers provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands and light meal preparation. Our volunteers also provide emotional support to both the patient and their family, by being available to listen and offer reassurance and encouragements.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, as well as from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirements for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that they reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services, Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group. This group is scheduled for six sessions a year, each lasting a period of five weeks. These groups are open to anyone working through the grieving process.

We hope that you will continue to support our work as we continue in our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Sincerely yours,

Annie Alcorn  
Director, Sullivan County Hospice

## **SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT (SCRRDD) 2004**

The contract between SCRRDD and the Wheelabrator Corp., owners of the trash incinerator in Claremont, expires in July, 2007.

When SCRRDD officials announced there would be no formal planning for district towns' trash disposal beyond 2007, concerned citizens formed the Sullivan County Solid Waste Alternatives Committee to undertake this planning process. The alternatives Committee adopted the following principles in March 2004.

### **Guiding Principles**

1. The committee will investigate resource management options that value healthy ecosystems and promote environmental justice.
2. The committee will ensure openness in policy making (all committee meetings public).
3. The committee will seek widespread agreement on objectives and strategies.
4. The committee will ensure that objectives and strategies can be effectively evaluated and adjusted as needed.

Four public forums were held in Claremont City Hall, where professional solid waste reduction and recycling personnel led panel discussions. The forums were well attended by the public and county/public officials.

As a result, two grant applications have been submitted to Federal funding sources. One application is for \$60,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, and the other is for \$100.00 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Both applications propose feasibility studies on waste reduction strategies and pilot projects to begin implementing those strategies. One study will address waste management options for Claremont and Newport the other study, the options for the remaining Sullivan County towns.

The committee is also investigating a re-alignment of disposal options for all our towns. The City of Lebanon is poised to make decisions that may trigger construction of publicly-owned landfill in Hartland, which could be used by Cornish and which could be in operation by 2007 when the Wheelabrator contract expires.

I have accepted the chairmanship of the SCRRD committee that will write the conservation easement for the closed ash landfill.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Gallagher  
Cornish SCRRDD Representative

Tim Schad  
Alternate



## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST 2004**

The year 2004 supervisors were extra busy holding numerous sessions required for the Cornish School District Meeting, Town Meeting, the September Primary Election and the November General Election.

Making corrections to ready lists for posting, keeping card files up to date, publishing notice of required meetings, printing checklists to be used on voting days and working on budgets, require many hours of time.

On the November 2<sup>nd</sup> Election Day alone, we added 80 new names, which required a great deal of extra time. A schedule of time is allotted prior to mailing lists to the State Archives following elections. Also the United States District Court required corrected lists several times during the year, which are used to keep jury lists current.

As new people register in Cornish the supervisors are required to notify other towns and states, where these people were registered before, to allow their name to be removed there.

All corrections and additions made after each session must be given to Walter Gobin who enters them in the computer. A service deeply appreciated by the supervisors.

Currently we are researching data on our old file card list to provide requirements demanded for use in the new State of New Hampshire's STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION. Some of which has demanded personal phone calls.

Requirements for the STATEWIDE VOTER LIST will mean residents having to provide us with much more required information. Some of those requirements will include personal driver license numbers or the last four digits of a voter's SOCIAL SECURITY number.

Also, if a naturalized citizen, new registrants must show papers of proof before their names can be added to the Cornish voter list, to determine where naturalization took place.

The STATEWIDE VOTER REGISTRATION requirements have and will demand many more hours of time by the Supervisors in the 2005 year.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rollins, Chairman  
Leland E. Atwood  
Robin C. Monette



## **TOWN FOREST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **2004**

Since approval of the Town forest management plan in December of 2002, the committee has focused on implementing the plan. Activities this year included trail maintenance, attempts to control the invasive shrub buckthorn, and timber stand improvement carried out by Shawn Gee as his Eagle Scout project.

Shawn' project consisted of organizing a group of Scouts to girdle unhealthy and "weed" trees in the southwest corner of the Town forest, as described in the management plan. Instruction and supervision was generously provided by Leo Maslan and Jim Fitch. If you noticed orange and pink surveyor's tape on a larger number of trees in that area, you were looking at the TSI project. Girdling was accomplished with axes, and the marking tapes were later removed.

High on the list of projects to do next is maintenance and placement of water bars on the loop road.

Better access to the Town forest is a continuing concern. Anyone with ideas please contact a committee member. Also any contributions of materials such as wood for bridge building or cash for sign making and other projects are always welcome.

The Town forest was established "to protect undeveloped land for the benefit and enjoyment of the residents of Cornish." Please visit it whenever you can, and contact any of the management committee members if you would like to participate in a work day or organize a youth project.

Please remember that human powered travel in the Town forest is encouraged at all times while travel by motorized wheeled vehicles and horses is restricted to non-mud season, and to Root Hill road, the logging loop road and the power line service road. The entire property is open to licensed hunters in season. Trail maps are available at the Town Office, and are posted at the major trailheads within the forest.

Cornish Town Forest Management Committee

Jim Fitch  
Bill Gallagher  
Ginny Prince

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission  
Annual Report for 2004

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire-only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

- Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.
- Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.
- Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continued to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH's Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.
- Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.
- Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment, trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, and parking needs and traffic circulation.
- Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.
- Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.
- Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arranged funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for

several more communities in the coming year; and assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.

- Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.
- Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.
- Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association in efforts to reduce commuter traffic.
- Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.
- Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bi-monthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshops, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.
- Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of stormwater runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.
- Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; stormwater management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.
- Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.
- Developed new website - [www.uvlsrc.org](http://www.uvlsrc.org) - to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at [tbamford@uvsrhc.org](mailto:tbamford@uvsrhc.org) to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford  
Executive Director



**Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of Vermont and New Hampshire**  
***Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services***  
**2004**

The VNA and Hospice is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net – with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA and Hospice provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone in need of skilled care, regardless of ability to pay. We are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

We value the continued partnership with the town of Cornish to help us meet your residents' home care, Hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.

Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through Hospice they have that control.

Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants and young children who have chronic illnesses requiring long-term support and care.

The VNA provided the following services this past year: (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)

*Home Care*

Skilled Nursing	88
Physical Therapy	85
Occupational Therapy	18
Medical Social Worker	1
Home Health Aide	189

*Hospice*

Patient families served	1
Total Visits	381
Volunteer hours	7
Volunteer visits	2

*Patient Support Services*

Families served	1
Individuals served	3
Home visits	1

*Maternal Child Health Program*

Children served	2
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On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued confidence.

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan H. Larman, BSN, MBA



**VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION**  
**Connecting neighbors with needs and people who care**  
**REPORT 2004**

Volunteers in Action bring together caring volunteers of all ages with neighbors in need of a helping hand, in Cornish and in adjacent towns in the Mt. Ascutney area.

There are currently 15 ViA volunteers who live in the Town of Cornish and over 142 volunteers in the Mt. Ascutney area. During the past year, eight Cornish residents received a total of 256 hours of service. Three Cornish residents served on the Volunteers in Action Advisory Council.

Neighbor-to-neighbor services to Cornish residents include transportation to medical appointments and grocery shopping, help with chores, friendly visiting, telephone check-in and short term respite to relieve a caregivers, and recipients of donated knitted items.

Transportation is a personal door to door service, with the volunteer waiting for the person during their appointment, shopping, or wherever they are. Requests for help come through the visiting nurses, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health center, individuals, neighbors, family and friends.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and the voters of Cornish in the past. Your support is essential to the continuation of these essential services. ViA is affiliated with Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center. The Hospital provides partial funding that covers part of our budget. ViA still has to rely on town funds, grants, local fundraising and donations from churches and individuals.

To request service or to consider volunteering, please call Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld at 802-674-5971. ViA has an office in the Historic Windsor House. We welcome your inquiries.

Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld  
Program Coordinators

## **WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

### **2004 Report**

In 2004 West Central Behavioral Health provided residents of Cornish with \$17,275 of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services for which we received no reimbursement. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay.

Our mission is: “to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services.” Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder, all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing, but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, home, jails, nursing homes, schools and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultation.

Some of the services provided to residents of Cornish this year include:

- 9 children and their families received 103 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics.
- 47 adult residents received 312 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.
- 14 residents contacted out emergency services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- 5 residents received 182 sessions of other services such as case management or participation in our Academy Programs for people who have committed substance abuse related offenses.

We hope to continue to provide quality mental health care to all who need it.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Michaud

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard a total of two cases during the 2004 year resulting in a meeting requesting one Appeal from an Administrative Decision and a Variance.

The Zoning Board meets at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Town Office Building unless no hearings have been warned and no new business has been brought to the Board.

Karim Chichakly Chairperson  
Caroline Storrs Vice chairperson, Clerk  
Bruce Tracy  
Jim Brown  
Stuart Hodgeman  
Dale Rook  
Jason Bourne  
Bill Balch

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Hall, Ellessia Anne	02/18/04	Cornish, NH	Hall, Joshua	Follensbee-Hall Angie
Freak, Aiden James	03/16/04	Lebanon, NH	Freak, Shawn	Freak, Shannon
Boynton, Kalem Henry	04/09/04	Lebanon, NH	Boynton, David	Boynton, Nichole
Call, Kylee Anita	04/15/04	Lebanon, NH		Call, Tara
Elmore, Graham Muir	05/03/04	Lebanon, NH	Eimore, Andrew	Amendolara, Jennifer
Belisle, Emilie Elisabeth	06/05/04	Lebanon, NH	Belisle, Eric	Belisle, Tonya
Betoumey, Olivia Rey	06/05/04	Lebanon, NH	Betoumey, Jasaan	Kimball, Trisha
Barber, Greta Jude	10/22/04	Lebanon, NH	Barber, Thomas	Barber, Katie
Fielder, Erin Elizabeth	12/06/04	Claremont, NH	Fielder, David	Fielder, Sonya

The above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser, Town Clerk



MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
December 31, 2004

Date	Groom's Name	Residence	Bride's Name	Residence
01/13/04	Morse, Michael P.	Cornish, NH	Dunn, Terri L.	Cornish, NH
02/14/04	Souza, Everett F.	Cornish, NH	Stone, Cynthia E.	Cornish, NH
04/10/04	Churchill, Duane M.	Cornish, NH	Westney, Linda J.	Cornish, NH
05/22/04	Lieb, Justin Graham	Windsor, VT	Menard, Spring L.	Windsor, VT
05/22/04	Small, Jonathan S.	Cornish, ME	Anderson, Jessie L.	Somersworth, NH
05/29/04	Smith, Jason Michael	Windsor, VT	Farnsworth, Chelsea M.	Windsor, VT
06/19/04	Blaisdell, Ralph M. Jr.	Cornish, NH	Carillon, Shellie	Cornish, NH
06/26/04	Pelletier, James John	E. Longmeadow, MA	Hallowell, Jennifer Anne	E. Longmeadow, MA
07/31/04	Champney, David T.	Cornish, NH	Morale, Debbey Ann	Cornish, NH
08/07/04	Morlock, John William	Springfield, VT	Willey, Sarah Jayne	Springfield, VT
08/07/04	O'Neil, John Patrick	Sheffield, VT	Miles, Donna M.	Windsor, VT
10/02/04	Adams, Christopher M.	Claremont, NH	Beland, Tiffany J.	Claremont, NH
10/09/04	Bevis, Adam Owen	W. Windsor, VT	Hood, Chelsea Dru	W. Windsor, VT
10/09/04	Harrington, Matthew E.	Presque Isle, ME	Hautaniemi, Laura Marie	Presque Isle, ME
11/14/04	Skaife, Ronald W. Jr.	Ashburnham, MA	Miller, Mary Jo	Cornish, NH

The above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk

DEATHS AND BURIALS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
12/31/04

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/15/04	Lebanon, NH	Hastings, Elizabeth L.	Crosby, Bowman	Sawyer, Jessie
02/14/04	Bandera, TX	Bevan, Susan	Duffie, Whittier O.	Hedges, Marie
03/20/04	Cornish, NH	Corliss, Diane	Dustin, Dale	Whipple, Lorraine
04/12/04	Unity, NH	Hector, Eugene	Hector, Paul	Valiquette, Marion
05/03/04	Claremont, NH	Downing, Shirley	Morse, Harold	Morse, Ruth
05/16/04	Cornish, NH	Kantor, Kathryn	Kiser, John	Abbott, Grace
12/15/71	Buried 6/6/04	Cole, Angie M.	Bean, Martin H.	Morris, Mary
06/20/04	Windsor, VT	Kuhre, Andrew L.	Kuhre, Ludvig	Bendtsen, Juliana
06/20/04	Cornish, NH	Barber, Michael	Barber, Donald	Bray, Thelma
07/22/04	Bar Harbor, ME	Clough, Irene L.	Lawrence, Duane	Tewksbury, Doris
08/15/04	Reno, Nevada	Lord, Neil G.	Lord, Glenn	Allen, Esther
09/19/04	Cornish, NH	Schuele, Norman	Schuele, Norman	Hankey, Ruth
09/05/95	Buried 10/28/04	Allen, Evelyn R.	Smith, Otis	Streeter, Laura
11/07/04	Unity, NH	Plouf, Grace A.	Howe, Henry B.	Dorwin, Clara May

The above list is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully Submitted,

Reigh H. Sweetser  
Town Clerk



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
of the  
**Cornish School District**

March 2005

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**Officers of the School District**

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Terri Rondos
Moderator	Ray Evans

**School Board Members**

Susan Borchert	Term Expires 2005
Theresa Scott	Term Expires 2005
Dr. William Palmer	Term Expires 2006
*Jean Proehl	Term Expires 2006
Alicia Simino	Term Expires 2007

\*Appointed by School Board until March 2005 election.

**Auditors**  
Plodzik & Sanderson



## **School Board Annual Report**

### **March 5, 2005**

As the school board struggles through yet another budget cycle and union negotiations which have ended in formal mediation for the first time in recent memory, I reflected recently about how very fortunate the Cornish School District is to have such a talented superintendent team in Mrs. Guillette and Mr. Damren. Not only do they provide our small school with educational and financial expertise and leadership, but we are able to draw on additional resources available from such a strong SAU.

The Cornish School successfully made the transition to an interim principal following the resignation of Mr. Kalter in October. The superintendent team recommended the hiring of Mrs. Adler, a long-time principal within SAU 6, and remain in daily contact with her as she provides sound leadership in preparation for handing the reins over to a permanent principal at the end of the year.

The principal plays a pivotal role, of course, as part of the leadership team comprised of the board and superintendent team, and Mrs. Guillette and Mr. Damren have taken the lead in developing a plan for his/her hiring later this spring. While Mr. Damren comments on this process in his report, the board would like to take this opportunity to commend him for developing a plan which takes into account the needs of the school, of the board, and of the entire community. You'll note that the community and school staff will have input in a public forum setting right from the start, and that they are included throughout the hiring process. When the board and superintendent conduct the final interviews, they will do so knowing that the finalists pass muster with both those for whom he/she will provide leadership and with those who pay the bills.

On another high note, Dr. Siebrands, our SAU curriculum director, presented her analysis of last year's Terra Nova testing for grades 2, 4, 5, and 8 to the board in January. The Terra Nova scores are compared to those of students across the country. Our students scored significantly above the average in all areas, with special emphasis in science and social studies. While we should pause to take pride in what our children have accomplished, our overriding board and staff goal is to maximize academic excellence in all areas and we will continue to build on our strengths and overcome our challenges in the years to come.

As reported in the school newsletter, the playground committee reports that nearly \$10,000 in donations has been raised toward the purchase of a new play structure. The goal is \$35,000 to purchase the actual structure which will be constructed by the community under the supervision of an industry expert. Many have already expressed interest in volunteering their time and expertise to prepare the site for the new structure, and the old structure will be dismantled by volunteers prior to the building of the new. At the time of this writing in late January, it is not too late to send a financial donation to the school, made out to the Cornish School District Playground Fund.

Respectfully,

Terrie Scott, Chair

On behalf of the Cornish School Board

# IMPACT FOR 2004-2005:



## Improving student learning throughout SAU #6

### OUTCOMES (in no particular order):

- \*Delivering a set of clearly-articulated, high-performance learning standards.
- \*Providing a safe learning environment for all students.
- \*Removing barriers to student learning.
- \*Expanding the staff's instructional repertoire.
- \*Expanding opportunities for early learning and intervention - birth through Grade 3.
- \*Constructing family and community partnerships.
- \*Expanding the number of students reading at grade level or above.

### ACTIVITIES:

#### Claremont:

Reading First  
HOPE Institute/Change Process  
SHS/Sch. Impr. Process  
NEAS&C Self Study  
21C Umbrella: PAT,  
Dental Initiative,  
Red Elephant Café, First Day,  
and all other 21C Programs

#### Unity:

LRP Development  
Tech. Integr./PD  
PD/Reading Instruction

#### Cornish:

UNH Reading PD/K-8  
Middle School Planning  
Thematic Curriculum  
Work K-8

### TOOLS:

RBT

PBIS

DATA

TECHN.

PD

## IMPACT for 2004-2005 (continued)

### UNDERPINNINGS:

- \*Data collection (like curriculum maps, test scores, attendance data) and use for decision making.
- \*Development of technology infrastructure, professional skills, and tools for instructional support.
- \*Commitment to differentiating instruction to meet all students' needs.
- \*Responsibility to attract and retain highly qualified staff.
- \*Work to build family, community, and business partnerships.

### RESOURCES NEEDED:

Human: Teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians and maintenance, school lunch staff, Dow staff, secretaries, 21C staff, families, community, business partners, higher ed. partners

Financial: Tax dollars, grants, contracts, fees, donations, in-kind

Community: Families, agencies, businesses

8/25/04



# A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

January 2005

Dear Parents and Community Members:

On the previous two pages you will find what we are calling an "Impact Sheet". This sheet is now the document that will guide all the work we do in SAU #6. The entire SAU #6 Administrative Team and all three school districts' Boards have discussed this document.

To read the Impact Sheet, Start at the top of the sheet and look for the desired IMPACT for each and every student in SAU #6. It says, "Improve student learning throughout SAU #6". We then asked ourselves what the OUTCOMES would be if we achieved the IMPACT.

You'll see seven OUTCOMES listed below the IMPACT box. Then we asked ourselves what ACTIVITIES we would need to accomplish to achieve those OUTCOMES in order to end up with the stated IMPACT. Keep reading down the two page sheet in just the same manner. If anyone asks you, or us, "What is it that we are trying to do in the schools of SAU #6?", we'll each be able to point to the Impact Sheet and answer that question clearly and concisely.

Every school board member, every administrator, and every staff member is working towards these same goals and purposes. All of our professional development activities, our grant writing, and our budgeted initiatives are working to support this impact, or outcome.

This was originally printed on school bus yellow paper. I told staff at the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year that this was the "bus" we were riding together on the journey called "education". I told staff the bus was leaving the station, we were committed to where it was heading, and we would have data to show our progress along the way. By voting to support each of the budgets as proposed by the respective school boards, you, too, are getting on the bus and joining us in the journey.

We need you on the bus, riding side by side with us, working together to support our young people through their educational journeys. Together we can make a difference.

Thank you for another year of trust and support for SAU #6's educational endeavors. I continue to be proud to be the Superintendent of Schools in such a wonderful set of communities.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline E. Guillette  
Superintendent of Schools, SAU #6

## **A Letter From The Assistant Superintendent February, 2005**

To Cornish Community Members, Parents, Staff, and Students,

It is a privilege to continue being associated with so many fine people who all make the Cornish Elementary School a wonderful school. You have much to be proud of.

The school district is presently putting together a committee of community members and school staff to begin the search for a new school principal. This effort is one of the most important efforts of any school, as you are looking for an individual to be the educational leader, together with the superintendent, for the school. As I am writing this, we are in the process of collecting community member applications from those in the community who would like to serve on this committee. The plan is to have 6 members who together with 6 members of the Cornish Elementary School staff will work with Dr. Wendy Siebrands from the SAU office to conduct the search. We have already held a community forum and a school staff forum, obtaining good information regarding the skills both groups feel important for the principal to have. The committee will be responsible for advertising, reference checking of candidates, preliminary interviews, and selecting up to three candidates to then be interviewed by the school board, superintendent, and me. The plan also calls for community receptions to be held for each of the final candidates so that community members can meet the candidates and express their thoughts. The entire search effort is planned to conclude with a nomination to the school board during the first part of May. We are fortunate to be able to conduct this process in-house using Dr. Siebrands' strong skills, as the cost of doing a search with outside resources could easily be in the range of \$5,000 or more. Without knowing the committee members at this writing, I will offer a thank you in advance for your role in this important work.

As you review the budget and school district warrant, you will of course quickly notice the loss of State Adequate Education funding and the resulting tax rate increase. To make matters even more obscure, the New Hampshire legislature and governor are looking at making changes to existing state law regarding school funding - again. In preparing the budget for the March 5 annual meeting, we used the best and only information available to us regarding state aid. However, in all candor, we cannot predict what the final outcome of the legislative process will be.

All of us hope that there will soon be a year where we can present and discuss numbers with you that are not subject to change later in Concord. To continue to ask community members to make financial and educational decisions without knowing the funding sources involved is simply not right.

Lastly, we all hope that you will take the study time necessary with each of the school board's warrant articles. The board and administration labored hard regarding their articles and any of us would be happy to answer any questions you may have prior to the meeting. Thank you to Mrs. Adler for stepping in this year as interim principal - you've done a great job. And thanks also to the volunteers on the playground committee who have worked for over a year to bring you this year's proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

Allen R. Damren  
Assistant Superintendent



# STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Elementary School (1/31/05)

Kindergarten	16	5th Grade	21
1st Grade	15	6th Grade	12
2nd Grade	14	7th Grade	10
3rd Grade	18	8th Grade	16
4th Grade	14	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	136



## PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS Elementary School

Doris Adler	Interim Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Christine Bourne	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Rosamond Seidel	1 year sabbatical
Sara Doolan (1 year only)	Grade 3
Linda Fuerst	Grade 4
Ruth Cassedy	Upper Wing Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Caroline Storrs	Upper Wing Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Jeffrey Taylor	5, 6, 7 & 8 Math, 8 <sup>th</sup> Algebra
Sandra Redlands-Poland	Upper Wing Science
Bruce Pollard	World Language
Judith Maule	Special Educator
Jane Finlay	Special Educator
Priscilla Paul	Special Educator
Drewanne Reed	Title I / Reading Specialist
Tecla McCann (0.6)	Art
Constance Filbin (0.7)	Guidance
Lois Buchan (0.6)	K-8 Music, Instrumental Music
Carlton Hurd (0.4)	Physical Education
Kathryn Patterson (0.2)	Library Media Specialist

# Public High School Enrollments (02/02/05):

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	Lebanon	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	3	1	12	-	10	26
10th Grade	3	-	3	1	9	16
11th Grade	3	3	10	-	13	29
12th Grade	-	1	6	1	15	23
TOTALS:	9	5	31	2	47	94



## School Support Staff

Dale O'Connor	Administrative Assistant
Mary Lynch	Nurse
Michael Monette	Maintenance/Custodian
Everett Strout / Laura Wilkie	Part Time Evening Custodians
Kathryn Patterson	Librarian
Jane Brodeur-Smith	Para - Lower Wing
Lori Prue-Bertone	Para – Special Education
Rebecca Brown-Morrie	Para – Upper Wing
Cheryl Ryan	Para - Special Education
Ruth Schneider	Tutor - Title I
Penny Robinson	Part-time C.O.T.A./SPLA
Michelle Ackerman	Para – Special Education
Amber Davidson	Para - Playground / Lunch
Heidi Richards	Para – Special Education
Jennifer Wishnefsky	Before & After School Program Director
Amy Whalen	Tutor – Homework Club
Paul Whalen, Sr.	Athletic Director

## Contracted Support:

Patricia Hodge	Part-Time School Psychologist
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## **Interim Principal's Report 2005**

A school annual report is one that summarizes the past year. This year that is a little difficult for me to do since I have not been here but two months when this report must be written. However let me share with you what I have learned about Cornish's last year or at least the prior six months.

This summer there were no major maintenance projects for our school. It allowed our staff to complete a normal cleaning rotation without the worry of getting it all done in time. When school opened, the shiny faces of all of our students were added to the shine of the building. We began the year with a little over 140 students, all of whom were happy to be returning to school. Even the kindergartners entered with an excitement that has supported the learning process since day one.

The staff returned not only with faces that shined, but with an attitude that said that learning will happen here at Cornish, and that we will enjoy the trip along the way. We did have a few changes in staff; Christine Bourne replaced Susan Russo in our first grade. Sara Doolan is teaching third grade this year while Ros Seidel is on a leave of absence. Three support staff were replaced by Heidi Richards, Lisa Meyer, and Amber Davidson. Our kitchen staff was replaced with Bob Henskens and Anita Engel. Together, with the returning staff we have a very cohesive, supportive team with high expectations for all of our children.

In late September, Scott Kalter the Principal of many years found it necessary to leave the school by early October. I had the good fortune of replacing him, initially for a few weeks and became the Interim, Interim Principal. With just a little arm twisting I was convinced to stay on for the year. What a great decision that has been for me! While change is always difficult, especially when it is at the "top", everyone here has worked diligently to make a smooth transition while keeping students actively engaged in learning.

Where do we go from here? Our initial focus will be on teaching and learning. Everyone knows that is job #1 and is intent on achieving a minimum of one year's growth. Some students will achieve more as teachers are cognizant of individual skills of their students and make

modifications for the greatest challenge to each child. (I must admit this year's eighth grade class is a fantastic role model with their excellent behavior, mature attitude about their own responsibilities and their ability to learn.) The goal of increasing expectations is foremost, continually raising the bar of success at all grade levels is certainly something that I have lived by my entire professional career and hope to work with teachers in raising their goals to challenge students even more.

Some changes are being made within the building because of different leadership. This is inevitable with new people, however it will also assist the transition when the next principal is selected for next year. Change whether liked or not by individuals is always a growing process, the sharing of ideas expands our thinking and only enhances our teaching.

I invite all community members to visit Cornish School. If you would like to share your thoughts of the positives as well as the concerns that you have for the Cornish School, feel free to contact me. If you have a special talent that will enhance our curriculum, please come and share it with our children. After all, we are all responsible for OUR children's education.

Doris A. Adler – Interim Principal



**HOT LUNCH REPORT**  
**For the School Year 2003-04**

During the school year, the program served the following lunches:

904	Free lunches
512	Reduced lunches
8,083	Full priced lunches
9,499	Total student lunches
487	Adult lunches

An average of 53 students per day were served at the Cornish Elementary School.



## CCPTO Annual Report 2003/2004

The CCPTO stands for the Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named Cornish Community because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening school and community ties.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has had some kind of involvement during the 2003/04 school year. We also list the primary type of involvement to the right of the activity:

- ❖ The Cornish Fair – main fundraiser
- ❖ Innisbrook Wrapping Paper – fundraiser
- ❖ Kindergarten Welcome – sponsor
- ❖ Celebration Books – K through 2 – sponsor
- ❖ Staff Appreciation Luncheon – sponsor
- ❖ Open House Receptions – sponsor
- ❖ Principal's Coffees – sponsor
- ❖ Hulburt Outdoors Center – provide financial support
- ❖ Riverfest – provide financial support
- ❖ Field Trip Transportation – provide financial support
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Flowers – provide financial support
- ❖ Storage cabinet for CCPTO supplies – financed
- ❖ School Calendar Magnets – provide financial support
- ❖ 8<sup>th</sup> Grade French Immersion Experience – provide financial support
- ❖ Graduation Awards – provide financial support
- ❖ Kindergarten Welcome Kits – provide financial support

### Goals 2004/05:

- Continue fundraising with the primary fundraiser being the Cornish Fair.
- Continue to support the various enrichment programs listed above.
- Continue to plan for the Celebration Book Fair.
- Orient new president and secretary.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Bourne  
President, CCPTO

## **Building Maintenance Committee Report 2005**

During this school year the Building Maintenance Committee has met fewer times than in the past. With the required cuts to the budget for the year, many things were eliminated from the year's schedule of improvements. We did manage to upgrade the heating control system, which has been computerized and improve the quantity of heat in the gymnasium. One classroom was painted during the summer thanks to the volunteer help of Jim Strout.

For this budget year the committee has made a number of recommendations to the school board. During an emergency evacuation drill it was noted that two of our classrooms do not have an emergency window for leaving the room should the hallways be blocked. Certainly this is a safety issue which the school board supports. Many improvements to the gymnasium have been recommended and a special article is on the warrant to complete the needed upgrades and repairs through the gym fund. Jim Strout will also be coordinating another volunteer painting weekend (hopefully to be done in one weekend with sufficient volunteers) to meet the recommendation of painting two classrooms annually.

The committee will also be doing some long term planning for the future. They will be getting estimates for roof replacement over the north side of the upper wing as well as the boiler room. They will be examining the recommendations from the student led study committee called STEM (Saving Through Energy Management). The students will be presenting their recommendations to the School Board at the March meeting.

This committee is always seeking volunteers, not only to work on projects, but more importantly to do the planning. If you are interested in joining the group please call the school and we will make those arrangements.

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris A. Adler  
Interim Principal

Committee Members:  
Mike Monette      Jim Jordan  
Bucky Demers      Joel Brooks  
Richard Thompson      Jim Strout

## **Cornish Elementary School Nurse 2003-2004 School Year**

### Nursing Goals for past year:

(As relates to School District)

- Teach CPR to selected grades.
- Support School Staff goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues (AI) work for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar.
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue evaluation of student injuries.
- Continue to improve the BBP program.
- Using illness data, evaluate the effectiveness of emphasis on handwashing.
- Continue to provide regular communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health related issues.
- Continue to upgrade School Health Program, as needed.

### Status of Goals:

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> done

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

Ongoing

### Quality Improvement (QI) Program:

Goal: Use data to establish trends. Examine results for opportunities to improve student health.

Analysis of QI data: There were a total of 1370 nurse visits in the School Year 2003/2004. 49% of visits were related to illness and 51% related to injury. Except for the months of October, November, May and June, illness exceeded injury as a cause for nurse visits each month. Complaints of illness related to the respiratory tract accounted for 35% of all nurse visits. The average per student illness related nurse contact was 4.6.

In a comparison, the average number of per student injury related nurse visits were 4.8 visits per student. When analyzing the source for injuries, 25% were from injuries sustained outside of normal school hours not including after school organized sports. 31% of the reported injuries were playground-related injuries, excluding structure-related injuries. Structure related injuries accounted for 7% of all reported injuries. This is a decrease from last year. Physical Education resulted in 6% of reported injuries. This is also a decrease from last year. 28% resulted from other injuries sustained in school not associated with the sources previously mentioned, e.g. paper cut, hit by a backpack while in line; and after school sports accounted for 3% of nurse visits.



Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. One marker of this balance is the body mass index (BMI). BMI is a calculated indicator of total body fat, which is related to the risk of disease and death. The score is valid for both men and women but it does have some limits. The **limits** are:

- \* It may **overestimate** body fat in athletes and in others, whose body is muscular.
- \* It may **underestimate** body fat in older persons and others who have lost muscle mass.
- \* It may not be used alone for children and adolescents. Children put on weight prior to growth spurts. When a BMI is calculated during one of these times they may appear to be at risk for obesity or obese, when in fact they are in the middle of growing. Graphing the BMI as a percentage compared to other children the same age helps to make sense of this process.

A BMI was obtained and graphed for each student. These graphs were then compared to US averages. In the Upper Wing, 41% of the students were noted to be at risk for obesity or obese; in the Lower wing, 38% were noted to be at risk of obesity or obese.

Follow-up: Continue to analyze injury data by source by type of injury. Analyze illness data by type of illness. Continue to analyze BMI data. Determine appropriate interventions. Implement interventions. Then evaluate for effectiveness of interventions.

RN Goals School Year 2004-2005: (as relates to School District)

- Teach CPR to students and staff.
- Support School Staff goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues work handed in, for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar.
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries. Assess any interventions made using data.
- Using illness data evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on handwashing.
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate the BMI percentages.
- Continue to provide regular communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.
- Establish a Nutrition Evaluation/ Physical Activity Task Force.
- Continue to upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Mary E. Lynch, R.N.



# **Minutes of the Annual Meeting Cornish School District**

March 6, 2004

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held on March 6, 2004, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Lois Fitts, Ashley O'Connor, Kim Patterson, and Sandra Redlands-Poland as Ballot Inspectors.

Assistant Moderator Kathryn Patterson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, she opened the polls for voting on Article I by paper ballot.

Moderator Ray Evans called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag led by Terrie Scott. Reverend Dale Nicholas followed with a brief prayer. Moderator Evans then introduced by name the Supervisory Union personnel in attendance, the School Board Members, School Counsel, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the District officers, and the Ballot Clerks.

Terrie Scott asked the members of the District to join her in recognizing Curt Wyman. A school board member for 6 years, Curt had resigned from the board in November. His expertise and his work on the maintenance and operation of the school through his membership on the Building Maintenance Committee were invaluable. He received a round of applause.

Moderator Evans presented former Cornish Elementary School student Julia Berndt with the Outstanding Young Citizen award. A senior at Kimball Union Academy, she is an honor student who has earned early acceptance to George Washington University. She was given an engraved watch donated by M.J. Harrington Jewelers of Claremont and Newport.

## **Article I: (Election of Officers)**

There were 188 ballots cast.

**SCHOOL BOARD - Alicia Simino** was elected to a three-year term with 152 votes.

**MODERATOR - Ray Evans** was elected to a one year term with 174 votes.

**TREASURER - Terri Rondos** was elected as a write-in candidate to a one year term with 17 votes.

**SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - Kathryn Patterson** was elected to a one year term with 184 votes.

## **Article II: (Hearing of Reports)**

Christine Bourne **moved** that the District accept the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen as reported in the 237th Annual Report. The motion was **seconded** by Terrie Scott and was **passed** by a voice vote.

Principal Scott Kalter listed some of the school year's highlights: six sixth and seventh grade students have been nominated to travel to Washington, DC to attend a Junior National Young Leaders Conference, three students will participate in the New Hampshire Music Educators Festival, several students will participate in New Hampshire All-State Chorus, six seventh and eighth grade students will attend the Sixth Annual New Hampshire Youth Earth Summit, a seventh grade student will be representing Cornish as a state Geography Bee finalist, the ELF program volunteers provide environmental learning for the future to kindergarten through grade 4 students, and May 10 will be the culmination of the interdisciplinary project on travel with all staff and students participating.

Kalter also noted how he was impressed by the professionalism of the staff and their willingness to learn by participating in professional development opportunities. In addition, he asked that the School District recognize two teachers, Ruth Little and Susan Russo, who are retiring at the end of this school year. The bookends of our staff, Little teaches grade eight social studies and language arts, and Russo teaches grades one and two. They received a round of applause.

## **Article III: (Main Budget)**

Terrie Scott **moved** that the School District raise and appropriate the sum of two million eight hundred ninety-seven thousand seven hundred fifty-six dollars (\$2,897,756) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,790,956 for the general fund, \$40,300 for the school lunch fund, and \$66,500 for the federal projects fund. Arthur Bailey **seconded** the motion.

Scott explained that the requested budget amount represented an \$11,251 reduction from the \$2,909,007 amount on page S26 since transportation costs were less than what had been originally budgeted.

This reduction would reduce the projected tax rate increase from \$1.49 (8.4%) to \$1.38(7.8%).

There followed much discussion concerning per-student costs, declining enrollment, class size, combination of small classes, staff-student ratio, and health insurance costs.

Jim Borchert asked the District members to recognize the people whose volunteer efforts help make this town a better place to live - the Fire department, the Highway Department, and others who donate their time

Cheston Newbold made a **motion to amend** to reduce amount of the budget appropriation enough to hold the education tax rate increase at 5%. This motion represented a reduction of \$40,000. After a **second** by Mary Beth Heiskell, the **motion to amend** was **passed** by a paper ballot vote with 129 yes and 93 no votes.

The **main motion as amended** moved that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,857,756 for the support of schools...The above amount includes \$2,750,956 for the general fund, \$40,300 for the school lunch fund, and \$66,500 for the federal projects fund. This **amended main motion** was **passed** by a paper ballot vote with 136 yes and 64 no votes.

#### **Article IV: (Play Structure)**

The **motion** was made by Terrie Scott, **seconded** by Allen Penfold, that the School District vote to pass over this article. The motion to pass over this article was **passed** by a show of hands.

#### **Article V: (Heating System Controls)**

Bill Palmer made the **motion** that the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight thousand three hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$8,379) for the purpose of purchasing a heating control system and upgrading the gym heating system and authorize the withdrawal of \$8,379 from the Cornish School Heating and Ventilating Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was **seconded** by Judy Rook and was **passed** by a show of hands.

#### **Article VI: (After Kindergarten Care)**

The **motion** was made by Christine Bourne and was **seconded** by Caroline Storrs that the School District vote to raise and appropriate twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) for the purpose of salaries and payroll taxes for employees to provide After Kindergarten Care for kindergarten parents at the Cornish Elementary School, such care to be given during the period of time between the end of the morning



kindergarten and the beginning of the present After School Program. After Kindergarten Care will be a parent paid, fee based program and as such will have no impact upon the school portion of the property tax rate.

Bourne explained that although the actual number of students is not known, a charge of \$4.00 per hour would be the amount necessary to hire a director and an aide if 8 students were to enroll. The \$21,000 will be listed in the proposed revenues portion of the 2004-2005 budget as an offset to the raised and appropriated amount from this article. Also, if the program is successful, money will be requested in each year's budget to be offset by revenues in the same amount. The motion was **passed** by a paper ballot vote with 90 yes and 44 no votes.

### **Article VII: (District Officer Compensation)**

Susan Borchert **moved** that the School District vote to determine and fix the salaries of the school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year. The motion was **seconded** by Bill Caterino and was **passed** by a show of hands.

### **Article VIII: (Other Business)**

Dylan Scott was given a round of applause for his hard work during the meeting as a microphone runner.

There being no further unfinished business, the meeting was **adjourned** by a voice vote at 5:52 p.m. after a **motion** to adjourn by Dale Rook that was **seconded** by Jim Borchert.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk



### **Cornish School District Debt Payment Schedule**

The Cornish School District has no long term debt.



Report  
**School District Treasurer**  
for the fiscal year July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004

Cash on hand July 1, 2003	(\$59,858.59)
Received from Selectmen (tax monies)	\$1,833,164.00
Received from other sources	\$1,227,984.86
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS:</b>	<b>\$3,061,148.86</b>
<b>Less School Board orders paid:</b>	<b>\$3,022,393.59</b>
<b>Cash on hand June 30, 2004</b>	<b>(\$21,103.32)</b>

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**Cornish School Building Fund**  
**June 30, 2004 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of July 1, 2003	\$37,185.04
Pledges Received	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Income Earned - interest	255.76
<b>TOTAL June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$37,440.80</b>

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**Science Room Renovation Fund**  
**June 30, 2004 Fund Balance**

Fund Balance as of July 1, 2003	\$3,369.21
Pledges Received	0.00
Income Earned – interest	22.84
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$3,392.05</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Terri Rondos, Treasurer**  
**Cornish School District**

**Cornish School French Fund**  
**June 30, 2004 Fund Balance**

French Fund Acct. 005 – General Fund

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$16,086.72
Contribution Received	1,279.00
Income Earned – interest	112.48
Withdrawal	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$12,478.20</b>

French Fund Acct. 006 – Class of 2003

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$1,530.49
Contribution Received	0.00
Income Earned - interest	11.20
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$1,541.69</b>

French Fund Acct. 007 – Class of 2004

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$1,283.79
Contribution Received	1,063.00
Income Earned - interest	11.14
Withdrawal	2,080.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$277.93</b>

French Fund Acct. 008 – Class of 2005

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2003	\$248.35
Contribution Received	1,053.00
Income Earned - interest	5.35
Withdrawal	0.00
<b>TOTAL – June 30, 2004</b>	<b>\$1,306.70</b>

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Terri Rondos, Treasurer**  
**Cornish School District**

## Special Endowment Funds

June 30, 2004 Fund Balances

FUND NAME	(original gift/principle amount)	RESTRICTIONS	BALANCE
James Farley Memorial Fund	(\$2,807.93)	Writing Excellence	\$4,353.57
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	(\$7,509.83)	Capital Expense	9,618.48
Eberhardt Award	(\$500)	Art & Music	509.44
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	(\$500)	Citizenship	509.44
Glen Smith Sportmanship Award	(\$250)	Sportsmanship	224.19
Harriet Runnals Award	(\$1,270)	Multiple Categories	1,129.34
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	(\$6,873.43)	Environ/Agri Scholarship	9,580.02
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Sports Program	1,510.17
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Resource Room Program	1,510.17
Science Discovery Fund	(\$800)	Science Exploration	1,318.10
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	(\$930.94)	Spelling Excellence	834.89
Non-Dedicated Funds	(\$55.42)	Unrestricted	35.70
<b>TOTAL ENDOWMENTS – June 30, 2004</b>			<b>\$31,133.53</b>

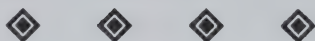
Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Rondos  
School Treasurer

## Queneau Scholarship Trust

Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
<u>12/31/03</u>	<u>12/31/04</u>
\$34,125.46	\$33,994.95
Interest	Distributions
<u>\$364.49</u>	<u>\$495.00</u>

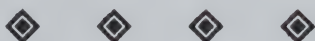
## District's Share of SAU 6 Expenses 2004-05

Claremont	79.18%	\$805,128
Cornish	12.30%	125,071
Unity	8.52%	86,634
	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$1,016,834</b>



## District's Share of Administrative Salaries 2003-04

	Claremont 79.18%	Cornish 12.30%	Unity 8.52%	Total 100.00%
Superintendent	\$75,030	\$11,655	\$8,074	\$94,760
Assistant Superintendent	63,561	9,874	6,840	\$80,274
Director of Special Education	52,840	8,208	5,685	\$66,734
Director of Curriculum	52,137	8,099	5,611	\$65,846
	<b>\$243,568</b>	<b>\$37,836</b>	<b>\$26,210</b>	<b>\$307,614</b>



## School Administrative Unit #6

Jacqueline E. Guillette	Superintendent
Allen Damren	Assistant Superintendent
Maren Ardell	Director of Special Education
Wendy Siebrands	Director of Curriculum
Dan Suse	Curriculum Technology Coordinator
Connie Scheffy	Speech/Language Pathologist
Eileen Vreeland	Registered Occupational Therapist
Ann Dieter	Accounting & Benefits Supervisor
April Woodman	Administrative Assistant
Carol Amell	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Poisson	Payroll Clerk
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
Genevieve Gallagher	Administrative Assistant
Diane Landry	Administrative Assistant - Interim
Donald Johnson	Building Technician



**CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Special Education Expenses & Revenue**

Category	Actual 02-03	Actual 03-04	Budget 04-05	Budget 05-06
State Funding:				
Catastrophic Aid	18,850	20,238	21,298	46,133
Adequate Education Grants- SPED	163,563	167,466	N/A	N/A
Federal and Grant Funding:				
Chap. 1- Tutoring in Reading	20,199	23,500	17,400	17,400
Other Special Ed.				
Medicaid	11,287	5,678	11,000	11,000
TOTAL REVENUE	213,899	216,882	49,698	74,533
Total Special Ed. Expenses	466,083	514,915	514,789	518,456
Net Special Education Expenses				
Paid From Property Taxes	252,184	298,033	465,091	443,923

**School District Warrant  
Cornish School District  
Cornish, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 10:00 a. m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article 1 of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a. m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p. m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p. m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

**Article I (Election of District Officials)**

To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, each for one-year terms, two School Board members, each for three year terms, and one School Board member for a one year term.

**Article II (Hearing of Reports)**

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article III (Main Budget)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION TWENTY-TWO THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-SIX DOLLARS (\$3,022,896) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,880,882 for the general fund, \$35,214 for the school lunch fund, \$85,800 for the federal projects fund, and \$21,000 for the after school programs.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article IV (Collective Bargaining Agreement)**

To see if the School District will approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School

Board and the Cornish Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increase
2005-06	\$29,220
2006-07	\$26,149

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-NINE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$29,220) for the 2005-06 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article V (Remove Old Controls In Boiler Room )**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) for the purpose of removing old controls in the boiler room at the Cornish Elementary School, and authorizing the withdrawal of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500) from the Heating System Capital Reserve, created to fund such purposes.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VI (School Gym Maintenance and Repair)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$23,000) for the following proposed expenditures at the Cornish Elementary School:

Applying fire retardant to the stage curtains (safety)	\$1,000
Replacement of Gym Lights	\$1,000
Replace Gym Doors and Adjoining Apron	\$10,000
Clean and Repaint Gym	\$11,000

and further to authorize the withdrawal of TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$23,000) from the Building Addition Reserve Account, created to fund bond costs associated with the prior construction of the gym, classrooms, and library, and further to pay for needed upkeep on these facilities.

(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VII (Playground Replacement Equipment)**

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY DOLLARS (\$24,470) for the replacement of the current wooden play structure with a new structure, designed by and purchased from Little Tykes Commercial, Inc. The sum represents the difference between the playground structure's total cost of \$35,000 and the amount raised from fundraising of \$10,530 as of January 31, 2005. This will be a

non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7 and will not lapse until the playground structure is purchased and installed or by June 30, 2007.  
Note: It is the intent of the School Board to amend this article to reflect fundraising efforts from February 1, 2005 to March 5, 2005.  
(The School Board Recommends This Article)

**Article VIII (French Program Reduction- By Petition)**  
“To see if the School District will vote by paper ballot to cut the French Program (teacher’s salary and benefits) by one half \$28,085.50 current pay; also to include any raise in salary or benefits for the 2005-06 school year.”  
(The School Board Does Not Recommend This Article)

**Article IX (SAU Study Committee- By Petition)**  
“To see if the School District will vote to approve a committee appointed by the School Moderator and School Board to study the current relationship with SAU 6, the process of Cornish creating its own SAU, and, if deemed responsible, to come forward at the next School District 2006, with a proposal.”  
Note: The School Board interprets this petitioned article to present the following question:  
Shall a planning committee be created to study the advisability of withdrawing from SAU 6 pursuant to RSA 194-C:2 which specifies that the committee will consist of 5 public members appointed by the moderator, 2 School Board members appointed by the School Board, and the Superintendent of Schools as a non-voting member.

**Article X (District Officer Compensation)**  
To determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year.

**Article XI (Other Business)**  
To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Cornish this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2005.

_____ Terrie Scott, Chair	_____ Jean Proehl
_____ Susan Borchert	_____ Alicia Simino
_____ William Palmer	CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD



# CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1100	0	REGULAR EDUCATION						
1100	110	Salaries	540,279	609,478	513,093	491,923	(21,170)	-4.13%
1100	114	Paraprofessionals	19,439	25,201	29,022	29,746	724	2.49%
1100	120	Substitutes	15,481	16,811	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%
1100	211	Group Health Insurance	102,625	109,994	100,141	124,648	24,507	24.47%
1100	212	Dental Insurance	7,257	5,656	5,346	5,063	(283)	-5.29%
1100	213	Life Insurance	2,754	3,351	2,947	3,200	253	8.59%
1100	220	Social Security Insurance	41,809	47,759	40,630	41,055	425	1.05%
1100	230	N.H. Retirement	12,626	15,815	15,070	20,996	5,926	39.32%
1100	250	Unemployment Insurance	572	503	740	699	(41)	-5.54%
1100	260	Worker's Compensation Ins	3,982	2,795	4,916	4,583	(333)	-6.77%
1100	329	Staff Development	18,748	14,981	11,000	11,000	0	0.00%
1100	430	Equipment Repair	9,186	7,842	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
1100	539	Internet			2,450	2,537	87	3.55%
1100	609	Cultural Arts Supplies			0	0	0	n/a
1100	610	Testing and Assessment	1,261	1,259	1,700	1,800	100	5.88%
1100	610	Supplies	19,451	17,066	13,000	15,000	2,000	15.38%
1100	612	Copiers		113	8,400	7,800	(600)	-7.14%
1100	612	Exploratory/Enrichment	10,600	38,199	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
1100	613	Software	767	1,500	1,100	1,000	(100)	-9.09%
1100	641	Textbooks	7,900	7,710	11,000	14,810	3,810	34.64%
1100	645	Consumable Workbooks	4,709	4,048	0	0	0	n/a
1100	733	New Equipment	9,318	5,796	0	950	950	950.00%
1100	739	Furniture	2,058	2,352	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	830,822	938,229	779,755	796,010	16,255	2.08%

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2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1200		0 SPECIAL EDUCATION						
1200	101	Teacher's Salaries-Contract	129,525	134,033	137,599	132,664	(4,935)	-3.59%
1200	103	Tutoring	15,790	20,742	18,318	1,000	(17,318)	-94.54%
1200	104	Paraprofessionals	46,057	44,904	27,857	43,839	15,982	57.37%
1200	105	Speech Therapy	17,399	5,676	12,800	12,800	0	0.00%
1200	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	53,799	53,392	59,550	51,223	(8,327)	-13.98%
1200	271	Staff Development	833	2,392	0	500	500	500.00%
1200	331	Testing	7,833	6,856	11,000	8,000	(3,000)	-27.27%
1200	333	Occupational Therapy	19,499	22,220	16,181	13,800	(2,381)	-14.71%
1200	381	Legal Services	2,238	835	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-Elem.	35,626	137,393	145,000	99,000	(46,000)	-31.72%
1200	611	Supplies	1,712	1,652	1,000	900	(100)	-10.00%
1200	631	Textbooks	2,401	600	1,800	800	(1,000)	-55.56%
1200	741	New Equipment	292	147	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	333,004	430,842	434,605	368,026	(66,579)	-15.32%
1290		Extended Year Program						
	110	Salaries				3,000	3,000	3000.00%
	200	Payroll Taxes				330	330	330.00%
		Function Total	0	0	0	3,330	3,330	3330.00%
1450		0 ATHLETICS						
1450	108	Salaries P/R	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1450	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	7	6	25	25	0	0.00%
1450	391	Referees	4,100	3,500	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
1450	611	Supplies	1,671	688	700	700	0	0.00%
		Function Total	6,778	5,194	5,225	5,225	0	0.00%

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2120	0	GUIDANCE						
2120	129	Salaries	20,439	21,175	21,755	21,755	0	0.00%
2120	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	6,685	7,083	10,701	11,736	1,035	9.67%
2120	611	Supplies	403	500	200	350	150	75.00%
2120	630	Textbooks	160	780	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	27,687	29,538	32,656	33,841	1,185	3.63%
2130	0	HEALTH						
2130	112	Salaries	22,120	23,091	22,424	23,598	1,174	5.24%
2130	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	1,785	1,838	1,953	2,054	101	5.17%
2130	611	Supplies	980	457	900	750	(150)	-16.67%
2130	733	Equipment		1,428	0	0	0	0.00%
		Function Total	24,885	26,814	25,277	26,402	1,125	4.45%
2220	0	LIBRARY						
2220	117	Salary	28,124	24,994	22,204	22,576	372	1.68%
2220	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	8,910	7,092	7,267	8,003	736	10.13%
2220	611	Supplies	3,734	2,439	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
2220	630	Books	3,595	4,197	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
2220	640	Periodicals	393	419	450	450	0	0.00%
2220	741	Equipment	273	280	0	1,500	1,500	1500.00%
2220	751	Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	45,029	39,421	35,421	38,029	2,608	7.36%

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2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2310	0	SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES						
2310	119	School Board Salary	2,000	800	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310	300	Auditors	2,900	2,750	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2310	381	Professional Services	2,353	762	1,750	1,750	0	0.00%
2310	384	Treasurer	200	0	200	200	0	0.00%
2310	385	District Clerk		30	30	30	0	0.00%
2310	386	Moderator		15	15	15	0	0.00%
2310	387	Election Officials	270	318	450	450	0	0.00%
2310	551	Annual Report	928	912	850	850	0	0.00%
2310	610	Supplies	570	137	550	550	0	0.00%
2310	811	NHSBA Dues	2,767	2,806	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
		Function Total	11,988	8,530	10,445	10,445	0	0.00%
2320	0	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6						
2320	351	Management Services	94,051	121,374	125,071	147,024	21,953	17.55%
		Function Total	94,051	121,374	125,071	147,024	21,953	17.55%
2410	0	SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
2410	110	Salary- Principal	66,505	69,200	71,345	71,345	0	0.00%
2410	110	Salary- Admin. Assistant	23,671	22,685	21,437	23,318	1,881	8.77%
2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	24,110	31,514	39,516	41,731	2,215	5.61%
2410	329	Staff Development	724	1,092	1,650	1,650	0	0.00%
2410	534	Postage	1,321	2,385	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	3,842	2,035	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
2410	550	Printing	2,171	1,327	2,250	2,500	250	11.11%



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2310		0 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES						
2310	119	School Board Salary	2,000	800	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310	300	Auditors	2,900	2,750	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2310	381	Professional Services	2,353	762	1,750	1,750	0	0.00%
2310	384	Treasurer	200	0	200	200	0	0.00%
2310	385	District Clerk		30	30	30	0	0.00%
2310	386	Moderator		15	15	15	0	0.00%
2310	387	Election Officials	270	318	450	450	0	0.00%
2310	551	Annual Report	928	912	850	850	0	0.00%
2310	610	Supplies	570	137	550	550	0	0.00%
2310	811	NHSBA Dues	2,767	2,806	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
		Function Total	11,988	8,530	10,445	10,445	0	0.00%
2320		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6						
2320	351	Management Services	94,051	121,374	125,071	147,024	21,953	17.55%
		Function Total	94,051	121,374	125,071	147,024	21,953	17.55%
2410		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION						
2410	110	Salary- Principal	66,505	69,200	71,345	71,345	0	0.00%
2410	110	Salary- Admin. Assistant	23,671	22,685	21,437	23,318	1,881	8.77%
2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	24,110	31,514	39,516	41,731	2,215	5.61%
2410	329	Staff Development	724	1,092	1,650	1,650	0	0.00%
2410	534	Postage	1,321	2,385	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	3,842	2,035	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
2410	550	Printing	2,171	1,327	2,250	2,500	250	11.11%

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2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2410	580	Travel-In District	1,399	1,661	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2410	610	Supplies	1,389	176	500	500	0	0.00%
2410	800	Principal's Fund	404	1,034	0	0	0	n/a
2410	810	Dues	475	219	500	500	0	0.00%
2410	892	Graduation	307	767	400	400	0	0.00%
		Function Total	126,318	134,095	142,898	147,244	4,346	3.04%
2600	0	OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT						
2600	110	Salaries	54,869	52,913	49,347	50,581	1,234	2.50%
2600	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	15,093	16,019	20,736	22,499	1,763	8.50%
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	0	1,602	2,800	2,800	0	0.00%
2600	424	Lawn Work	775	280	800	950	150	18.75%
2600	430	Repairs/Maintenance Service	41,253	13,199	22,700	23,400	700	3.08%
2600	490	Building Improvements	27,780	11,067	8,379	1,600	(6,779)	-80.90%
2600	520	Property/Liability Insurance	6,542	6,545	6,500	7,000	500	7.69%
2600	531	Telephone	6,196	5,243	4,500	5,000	500	11.11%
2600	541	Contracted Services	3,986	6,818	5,400	6,200	800	14.81%
2600	610	Supplies	8,164	10,841	7,000	7,000	0	0.00%
2600	622	Electricity	19,433	19,310	23,000	23,250	250	1.09%
2600	623	Propane	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
2600	624	Fuel Oil	18,787	16,051	13,000	25,770	12,770	98.23%
2600	654	Septic Pumping			1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
2600	733	New Equipment	17,827	5,019	1,000	2,400	1,400	140.00%
2600	737	Replacement Equipment	5,996	0	500	300	(200)	-40.00%
		Function Total	226,701	164,907	166,962	180,050	13,088	7.84%

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2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2550	0	TRANSPORTATION						
2550	513	Elementary Transportation	68,187	70,272	76,320	80,136	3,816	5.00%
2550	513	Field Trips	3,407	3,439	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
1200	515	SPED- Elementary		13,732	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	71,594	87,443	80,320	84,136	3,816	4.75%
5100	0	DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES						
5100	0	DEBT SERVICE						
5100	830	Principal	11,083	10,513	0	0	0	n/a
5100	840	Interest	1,711	525	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	12,794	11,038	0	0	0	n/a
5250	0	INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT						
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve-Rc	4,000	4,000	0	1,000	1,000	n/a
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Heating & Ventilating	3,000	3,000	0	1,000	1,000	n/a
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Bldg. & Site Improvement	2,000	3,000	0	1,000	1,000	n/a
5250	881	Transfer to Food Service	3,500	4,000	0	16,000	16,000	16000%
		Function Total	12,500	14,000	0	19,000	19,000	n/a
Total Cornish Elementary School			1,824,151	2,011,425	1,838,635	1,858,762	20,127	1.09%

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2005-06

FUNC	OBJ	Description	02-03 Actual	03-04 Actual	04-05 Budget	05-06 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1200	519	Transportation	33,054	0	10,000	0	(10,000)	-100.00%
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-High Sch	114,296	46,804	62,784	129,700	66,916	106.58%
Total High Sch. Special Ed.			147,350	46,804	72,784	129,700	56,916	78.20%
1100	0	TUITIONS						
1100	561	Tuition- High School	795,669	751,076	847,916	892,420	44,504	5.25%
Total High School SPED & Tuition			943,019	797,880	920,700	1,022,120	101,420	11.02%
Total General Fund			2,767,170	2,809,305	2,759,335	2,880,882	121,547	4.40%
School Lunch Fund:								
		Salaries and Benefits	31,436	31,082	31,082		(31,082)	-100.00%
		Food and Milk	15,078	12,538	12,538	11,330	(1,208)	-9.63%
		Miscellaneous	89	107	107	1,000	893	834.58%
		Contracted Service				22,884	22,884	N/A
Total School Lunch Fund			46,603	43,727	43,727	35,214	(8,513)	-19.47%
Federal Projects Fund			56,487	93,949	87,500	106,800	19,300	22.06%
GRAND TOTAL			2,870,260	2,946,981	2,890,562	3,022,896	132,334	4.49%



CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-06 PROPOSED REVENUES		As Set 2003-04	As Set 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06	\$ Chg	% Chg
<b>REVENUE DETAIL:</b>						
1121	District Assessment	1,367,616	1,583,038	1,742,419	159,381	10%
	State Property Tax	425,548	342,350	333,266	-9,084	-3%
	Tuition	0	0	0	0	n/a
	Medicaid	0	11,000	11,000	0	n/a
1500	Interest Income	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0%
1990	Miscellaneous Income	5,381	5,381	5,381	0	0%
3110	Adequate Education Grants	806,776	805,218	716,348	-88,870	-11%
3210	School Building Aid	3,325	0	0	0	n/a
3240	Catastrophic Aid	21,966	21,298	46,133	24,835	117%
5220	From Building Endowment Fund	576	0	0	0	n/a
<b>Revenue Total</b>		2,632,688	2,769,785	2,856,047	86,262	3%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-06 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE IMPACT					
	As Set 2003-04	As Set 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06	\$ Chg	% Chg
<b>Appropriation- General Fund</b>					
Deficit Appropriation	2,779,057	2,758,785	2,880,882	122,097	4.43%
Total Non-Tax Revenue	0	0		0	n/a
State Property Tax	839,524	833,397	780,362	-53,035	-6.36%
Use of Fund Balance	425,548	342,350	333,266	-9,084	-2.65%
	146,369	0	24,835	24,835	n/a
<b>Local Tax Levy</b>	1,367,616	1,583,038	1,742,419	159,381	10.07%
<b>Assessed Value</b>	101,480,867	102,782,228	102,782,228	0	0.00%
<b>Local Tax Rate</b>	13.48	15.40	16.95	1.55	10.06%
<b>Estimated State Rate</b>	4.32	3.43	3.34	-0.09	-2.62%
<b>Total Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)</b>	17.80	18.83	20.29	1.46	7.75%
Playground			24,470	0.24	
Teacher Agreement			29,220	0.28	
Total Tax Rate Increase				1.98	10.53%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2005-06 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES					Actual 2003-04	Adopted 2004-05	Estimated 2004-05	\$ Chg	% Chg
FOOD SERVICE FUND									
1610	Daily Sales			23,883	23,019	23,856	837	3.64%	
1990	Other Revenue				6,000	0	-6,000	n/a	
3270	State Reimbursement			380	300	300	0	0.00%	
4460	Federal Reimbursement			2,261	4,589	3,790	-799	-17.41%	
5210	From General Fund			4,000	7,000	16,000	9,000	128.57%	
Food Service Fund Total					30,524	40,908	43,946	3,038	7.43%
FEDERAL GRANT FUND									
4410	ECIA - I & II			93,515	87,500	106,800	19,300		
Federal Grant Fund Total					93,515	87,500	106,800	19,300	22%

**Cornish School District**  
**Cornish, New Hampshire**  
2005-06 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years /1 Exp.	04-05 Salary	05-06 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins	Dntl Insur	Life Ins	Total Sal & Bnfts
<b>REGULAR EDUCATION</b>													
Cassedy	BA +15	1.00	19	43,019	43,019	3,291	379	41	1,732	12,595	375	290	61,722
Coolidge	MA	0.50	28	28,813	28,813	2,204	254	41	1,160	12,595	375	194	45,636
Crary	MA	1.00	10	33,960	33,960	2,598	299	41	1,367	12,595	375	229	51,464
Taylor	MA + 30	1.00	22	50,837	50,837	3,889	447	41	2,046	4,666	375	343	62,644
Fuerst	MA	1.00	20	45,640	45,640	3,491	402	41	1,837	9,332	375	308	61,426
Bourne	BA+15	1.00		26,269	26,269	2,010	231	41	1,057	12,595	375	177	42,755
Hurd	MA + 30	0.60	36	23,682	23,682	1,812	208	41	953	0	0	160	26,856
McCann	BA+30	0.60	7	18,647	18,647	1,426	164	41	751	0	375	126	21,530
Redlands	MA + 15	1.00	26	55,732	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New	MA	1.00	7		30,173	2,308	266	41	1,214	12,595	375	203	47,175
Reed	MA+15	0.50	13	19,070	19,070	1,459	168	41	768	2,333	188	129	24,156
Seidel	MA+15	1.00	22	49,523	49,523	3,789	436	41	1,993	12,595	375	334	69,086
Storrs	MA+30	1.00	22	50,837	50,837	3,889	447	41	2,046	12,595	375	343	70,573
Buchan	BA	0.60	4	15,731	15,731	1,203	138	41	633	7,557	0	106	25,409
Pollard	MA	1.00	14	38,222	38,222	2,924	336	41	1,538	12,595	375	258	56,289
Retirements				17,500	17,500	1,339	0	0	704	0	0	0	19,543
Sub-total				517,482	491,923	37,632	4,175	574	19,799	124,648	4,313	3,200	686,264
<b>SUBSTITUTES</b>													
Various				15,000	15,000	1,148	147	27	0	0	0	0	16,322



**Cornish School District**  
**Cornish, New Hampshire**  
 2005-06 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years /t Exp.	04-05 Salary	05-06 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins	Dntl Insur	Life Ins	Total Sal & Bnfts
<b>REGULAR ED PARA</b>													
Brodeur-Smith	10.17	36.00		13,571	13,913	1,064	122	41	560	0	375	0	16,075
Morrie	9.59	35		12,449	12,755	976	112	41	513	0	375	0	14,772
Davidson	8.55	10		3,002	3,078	235	27	16	124	0	0	0	3,480
Subtotal				29,022	29,746	2,275	261	98	1,197	0	750	0	34,327
<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>													
Finlay	MA + 30	1.00	15	41,335	41,335	3,162	364	41	1,664	12,595	0	279	59,440
Paul	MA+15	1.00	20	46,908	46,908	3,588	413	41	1,888	4,666	0	316	57,820
Maule	MA + 30	1.00	21	49,356	49,356	3,776	434	41	1,987	4,666	375	333	60,968
Retirements					17,500	1,339	154	0	704	0	0	118	19,815
Less 94-142 Grant					-22,435								-22,435
Subtotal				137,599	132,664	11,865	1,365	123	6,243	21,927	375	1,046	175,608
<b>SPED PARA</b>													
Richards	8.30	39		12,004	12,301	941	108	41	495	0	0	0	13,886
Ryan	13.33	39		19,281	19,755	1,511	174	41	795	3,739	375	0	26,390
Ackerman	9.32	35		12,090	12,396	948	109	41	499	0	0	0	13,993
Bertrone	9.32	33		11,399	11,687	894	103	41	470	0	0	0	13,195
Less Staff Reductions					-23,300	-1,782	-205	-121	-938	0	0	0	-26,346
Less 94-142 Grant				-15,366									0
Subtotal				39,408	32,839	2,512	289	43	1,321	3,739	375	0	41,118

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Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Years /t Exp.	04-05 Salary	05-06 Salary	FICA	W/C	U/C	Rtmt	Health Ins	Dntl Insur	Life Ins	Total Sal & Bnfts
<b>GUIDANCE</b>													
Filbin	MA	0.70	7	21,755	21,755	1,664	191	41	876	8,817	0	147	33,491
<b>NURSE</b>													
Lynch	20.70	30.0		22,424	23,598	1,805	208	41	0	0	0	0	25,652
<b>LIBRARIAN</b>													
Patterson	14.41	28		14,960	15,332	1,173	135	41	617	4,666	375	0	22,339
Patterson	BA + 15	0.20	14	7,244	7,244	554	64	37	292	0	0	49	8,240
Total				22,204	22,576	1,727	199	78	909	4,666	375	49	30,579
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>													
New				71,345	71,345	5,458	628	41	5,090	13,760	0	481	96,803
O'Connor	893	1		21,445	23,218	1,776	204	41	1,657	12,595	0	0	39,491
Subtotal				92,790	94,563	7,234	832	82	6,747	26,355	0	481	136,294
									41,731				
<b>MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL</b>													
Monette				34,997	35,872	2,744	1,894	41	2,559	12,595	375	242	56,322
New	10.25	25.00		13,000	13,325	1,019	704	41	0	0	0	90	15,179
New	10.25	15.00		1,350	1,384	106	73	7	0	0	0	9	1,579
Subtotal				49,347	50,581	3,869	2,671	89	2,559	12,595	375	341	73,080
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>													
				947,031	915,245	71,731	10,338	1,196	39,651	202,747	6,563	5,264	1,252,735
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### *INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT*

To the Members of the School Board  
Cornish School District  
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003 as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Cornish School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Cornish School District as of June 30, 2003, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Cornish School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

*Plodzik & Sanderson*  
*Professional Association*

October 7, 2003

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## **Town Office Hours**

**Selectmen/Assessing Office.....Mon-Fri. 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Tax Collector/Town Clerk.....Mondays & Thursdays**  
**9:00 a.m. – Noon, 4 – 7 p.m.**  
**Fridays 9:00 a.m. – Noon**  
**Last Saturday of the Month**  
**9:00 a.m. – Noon**

## **Holidays 2005**

The Town Offices will be closed to observe the following holidays:

**Memorial Day.....Tuesday, May 31, 2005**  
**Independence Day.....Monday, July 4, 2005**  
**Labor Day.....Monday, Sept. 5, 2005**  
**Thanksgiving Day.....Thursday, Nov. 24, 2005**  
**Christmas.....Friday, Dec. 23, 2005 (observed)**  
**New Years Day.....Friday, Dec. 30, 2005 (observed)**

## **Meeting Hours and Dates**

Selectmen meet regularly every Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m. – Noon and every Friday evening, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Town Office.

Planning Board meetings are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Conservation Commission meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office.

Zoning Board of Adjustment meetings are held as needed on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.



**TOWN OF CORNISH**  
**WHO to see about WHAT and WHEN**

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<b>SELECTMEN</b>	675-5611	<b>Wednesdays</b> 9-Noon
<b>Selectmen's Secretary</b> – Marge Kolenberg		Meet the public 10-Noon
<b>Fax</b> 675-5605		<b>Fridays</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m.
		Public Meeting

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Selectmen's Office open Monday – Friday 8:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Abatements (Property Tax)	Pistol Permits
Building Permits	Property Tax Cards
Camping Permits	Property Tax Maps
Current Use Applications	Raffle Permits
Elderly Tax Exemption	Septic Dig Approvals
Intent to Cut Lumber	Subdivision Applications
Assessing	Veterans Tax Exemption

Other Questions – See Selectmen

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<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	675-5207	<b>Mondays</b> 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.
Reigh Helen Sweetser		<b>Thursdays</b> 9-Noon, 4-7 p.m.
		<b>Fridays</b> 9-Noon
		<b>Last Saturday</b> of Month 9-Noon

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Burial Permits	Marriage Licenses
Cemetery Records	Motor Vehicle Permits
Dog Licenses	Transfer Station Tickets
Dredge and Fill Permits	Vital Statistics
Genealogy Information	Minutes – Planning Board, Zoning Board & Conservation Comm

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<b>TAX COLLECTOR</b>	675-5221	<b>See Town Clerk Hours</b>
Reigh Helen Sweetser		

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Property Tax  
Yield Tax  
Current Use Tax  
Excavation Tax

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<b>LIBRARY</b>	543-3644	<b>Monday &amp; Friday</b> 4-6 p.m.
Emily Cromwell, Librarian		<b>Wednesday</b> 4-8 p.m.
		<b>Saturday</b> 10-Noon

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<b>POLICE (Dispatch for Cornish)</b>	543-0535
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<b>GENERAL ASSISTANCE</b>	Connie Kousman 542-7107
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